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MAYBE A CUT ABOVE, I DON'T KNOW. ALL I KNOW IS THAT THE LAST TIME I SAW JOHNNY WAS EIGHT DAYS AGO, COMING OUT THE BACK OF O'FLANAGAN'S, MAYBE ABOUT NINE OR TEN AT NIGHT.

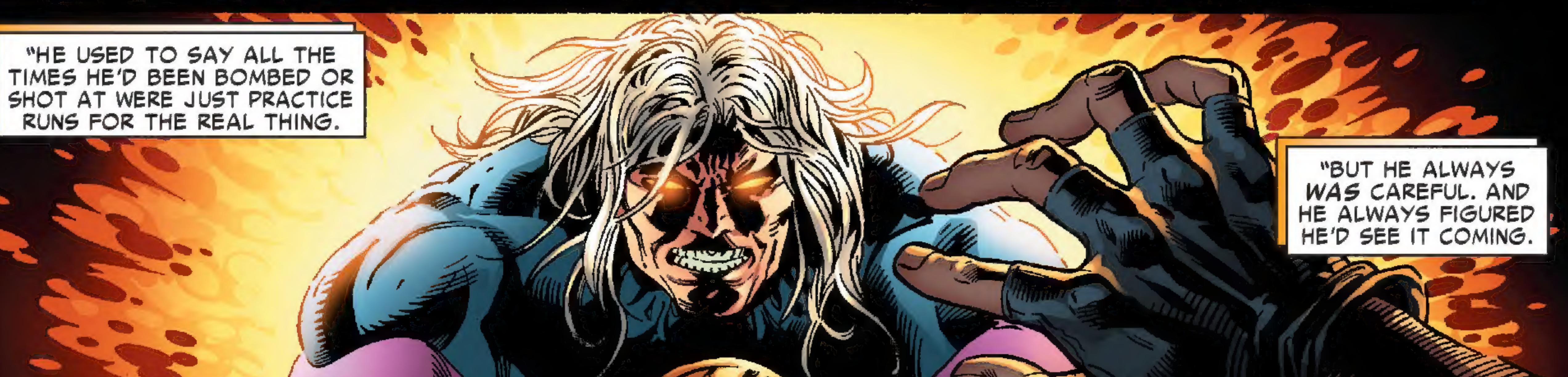
HE WAS PRETTY GIDDY. KNOWING HIM, THAT WAS PROBABLY DUE TO THE GUINNESS. HE TOLD ME HE'D JUST GOTTEN FULL-TIME WORK WITH THE NEW WARRIORS REALITY SHOW.

I WISHED HIM LUCK AND TOLD HIM TO BE CAREFUL.



"JOHNNY HAD BEEN ON AT LEAST FOUR TOURS OF BOSNIA, THREE TO AFGHANISTAN AND MAYBE EIGHT OR NINE TO BAGHDAD WITH CNN.

"LAST YEAR, HE WON AN EMMY NOMINATION FOR HIS BIT ON THE U.S.S. ABRAHAM LINCOLN. AND FROM THERE, HE GRADUATED TO THIS ASSIGNMENT. THIS WAS HIS BIG BREAK.



"HE USED TO SAY ALL THE TIMES HE'D BEEN BOMBED OR SHOT AT WERE JUST PRACTICE RUNS FOR THE REAL THING.

"BUT HE ALWAYS WAS CAREFUL. AND HE ALWAYS FIGURED HE'D SEE IT COMING.

BOOM!



"THE TRUTH IS, YOU NEVER SEE IT COMING."



I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT JUST YET, BEN. BUT I DON'T THINK ANYONE AT THE WHITE HOUSE COULD HAVE SCRIBTED THIS NITRO THING ANY BETTER.

A SCHOOL FULL OF KIDS WIPE OUT IN A PUNCH-UP INVOLVING UNTRAINED, UNSUPERVISED, UNDERAGED SUPER HEROES.

OH, GOD...I CAN JUST IMAGINE: "LAYDEEZ AND GENTLEMEN...IN THE RED CORNER, THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION."

"IN THE BLUE CORNER, THE UNSTOPPABLE TAG-TEAM OF DISINFORMATION AND PARANOIA, WINNER BY TWO FALLS AND A SUBMISSION."

HOW'S JONAH TAKING IT?

LIKE HE WON THE LOTTERY.

HEHH...THAT'S THE BUGLE, ALL RIGHT. WHAT DID THEY GIVE YOU AT THE ALTERNATIVE?

CARTE BLANCHE TO WRITE ABOUT THE EROSION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES IN AMERICA. AND CAN I LINK IT TO THE WIRETAPPING THING, IF I WOULD BE SO KIND? YOU?

JONAH SAID, AND I QUOTE: "LET'S SHOVE THIS SO FAR UP THE LIBERALS' KEISTERS THEY THINK THE WEDNESDAY SPORTS PAGE IS THE SUNDAY EDITION."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, EXACTLY?

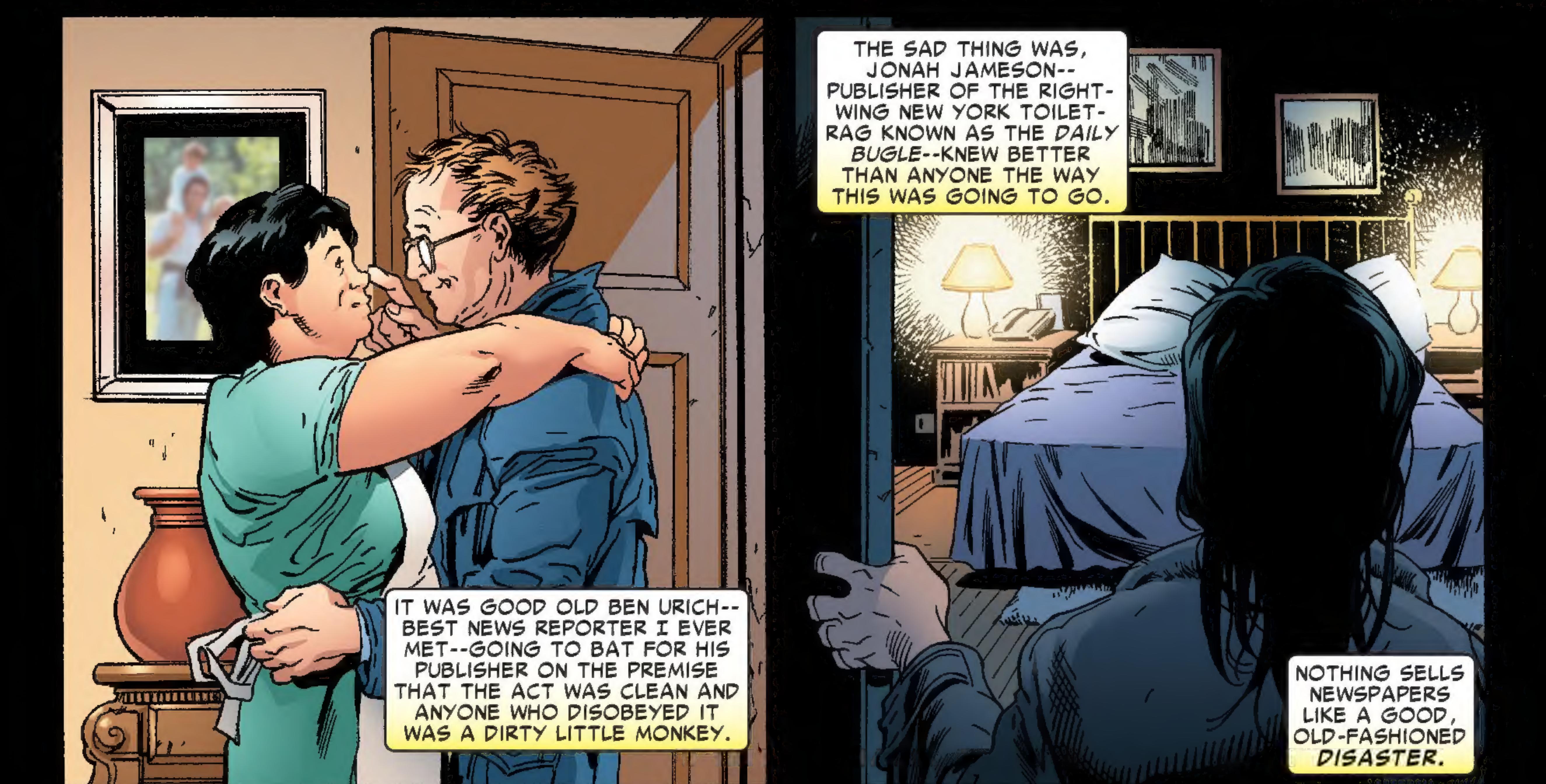
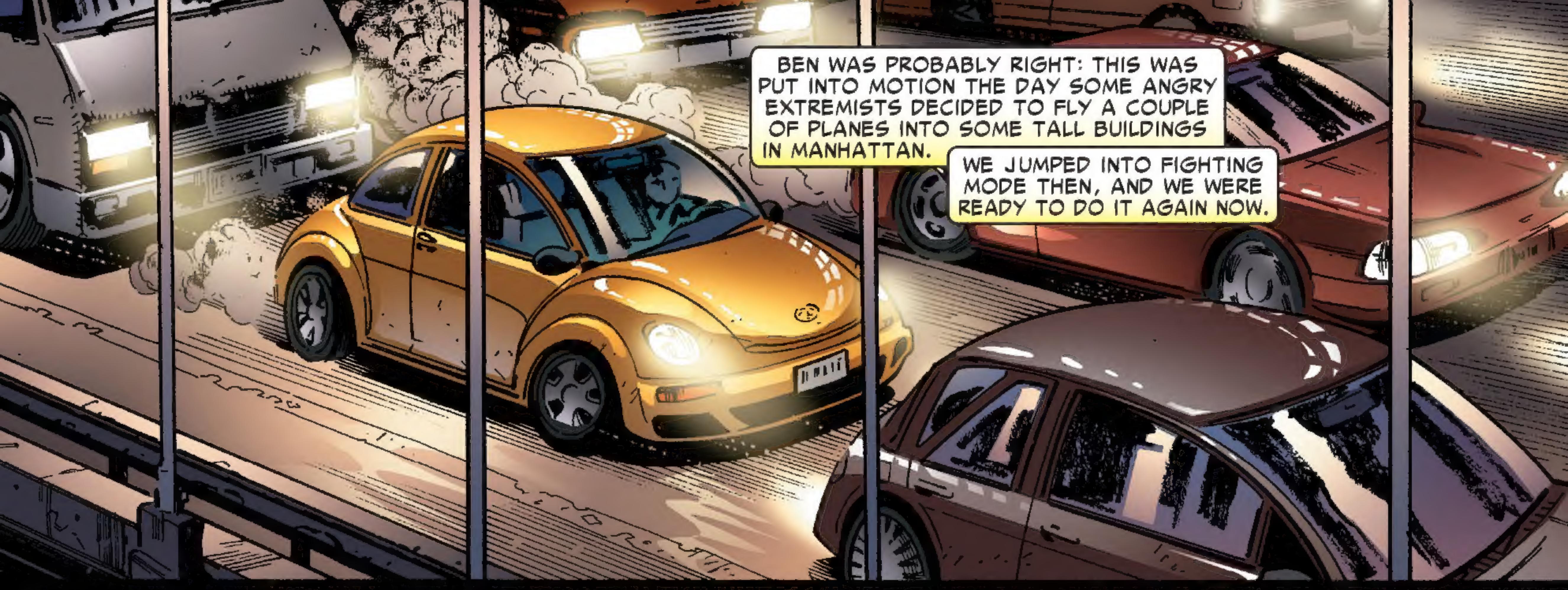
I HAVE NO IDEA. HE WAS ON A ROLL.

WELL, THEN...TO BATTLE, AND MAY THE BEST HACK WIN. I LIKE MY CHANCES. NO ONE WANTS THE GOVERNMENT TO INSTITUTE A DRAFT.

THIS IS DIFFERENT, SALLY-- JUST FOR A CHANGE, I THINK JONAH MAY BE RIGHT.

THE TIMING IS PERFECT TO PUSH FOR SUPER-HERO FEDERALIZATION. THIS REGISTRATION ACT IS GOING TO MEET LITTLE OR NO OPPOSITION AFTER THE DISASTER IN STAMFORD.

IF IT PASSES, EVERYTHING CHANGES.

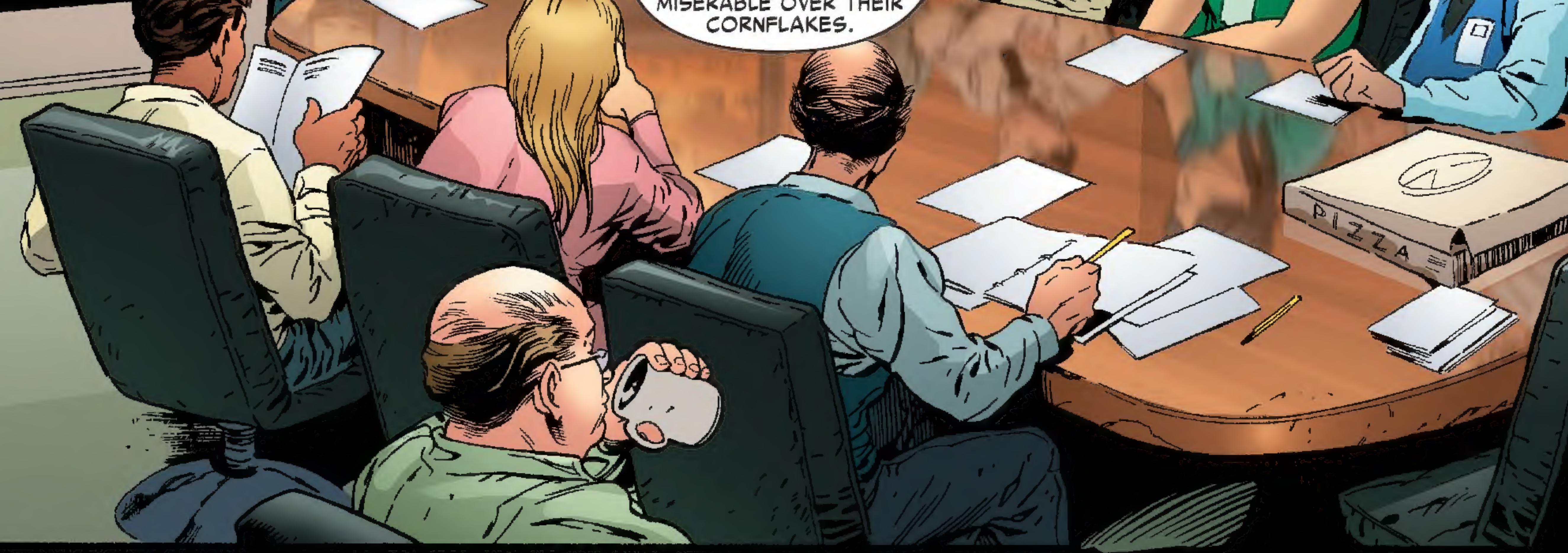


THE DAILY BUGLE NEWSROOM, ASSIGNMENTS MEETING.

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WRIGHT: AVENGERS REACTION?
STANLEY: ??
URICH: NITRO BACKGROUND
DUPREE: ??
DINKSON: ??
TV CREW!
TOM TOM

...AND DUKE,
WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE
YOU FOLLOW UP WITH THE
STAMFORD KIDS' FAMILIES:
RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION,
THE INJUSTICE OF IT ALL,
SOMETHING LIKE

TRY TO SKEW
IT AWAY FROM THE
FUNERALS, THOUGH. WE
DON'T WANT TO MAKE
OUR READERS
MISERABLE OVER THEIR
CORNFLAKES.



WRIGHT: STAMFORD
TANLEY: AVENGERS INT.
URICH: NITRO REACTION
FREE: ??
DINKSON: ??

NITRO BACKGROUND
(IRON MAN PRESS CONFERENCE)
TV CREW!
TOMORROW

BEN, I WANT YOU TO GO
DOWN TO THE PRECINCT AND
TALK TO YOUR GUY THERE.
DIG UP SOME STUFF ON
NITRO: POWERS, KNOWN
CRIMINAL AFFILIATES...

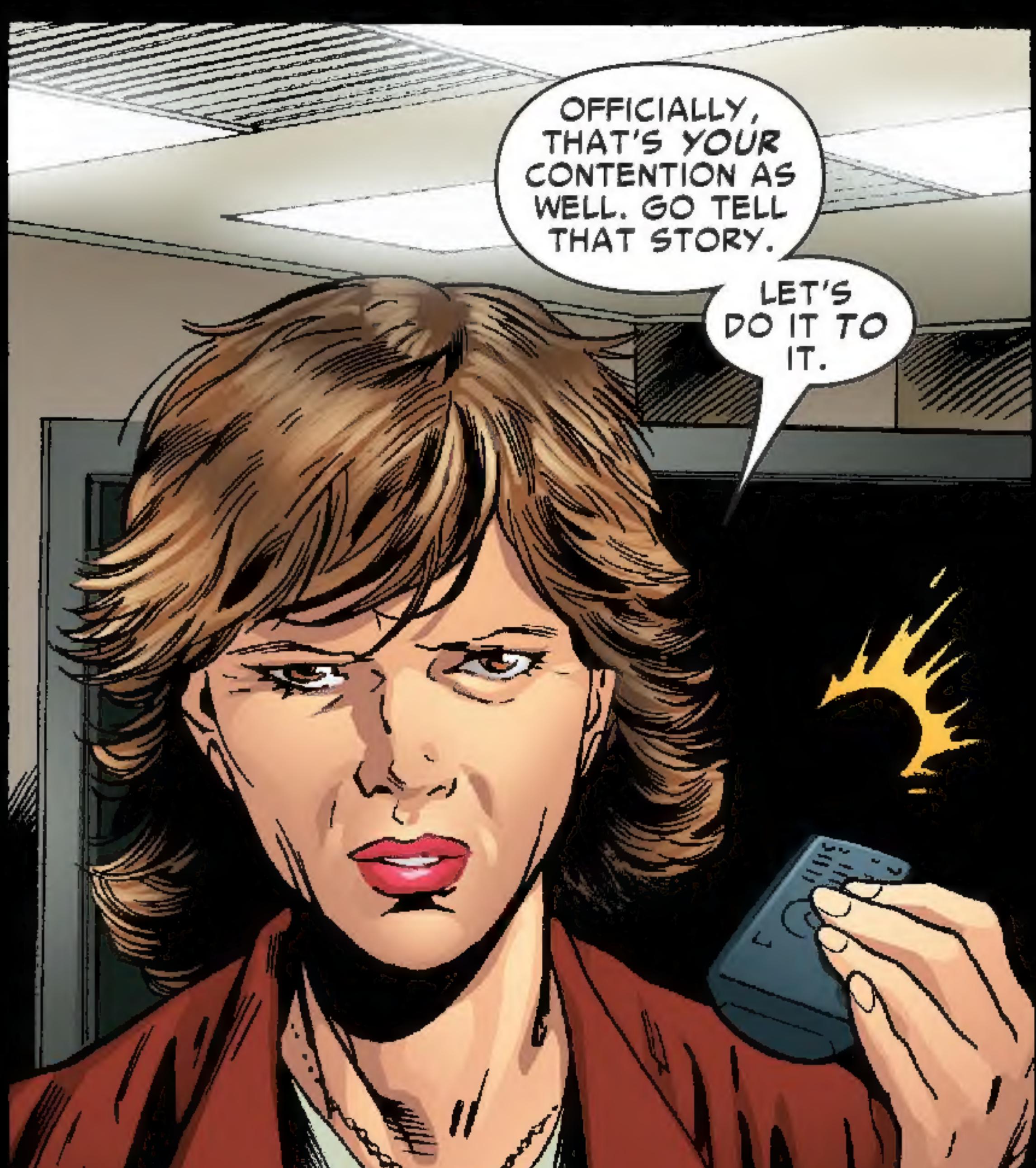
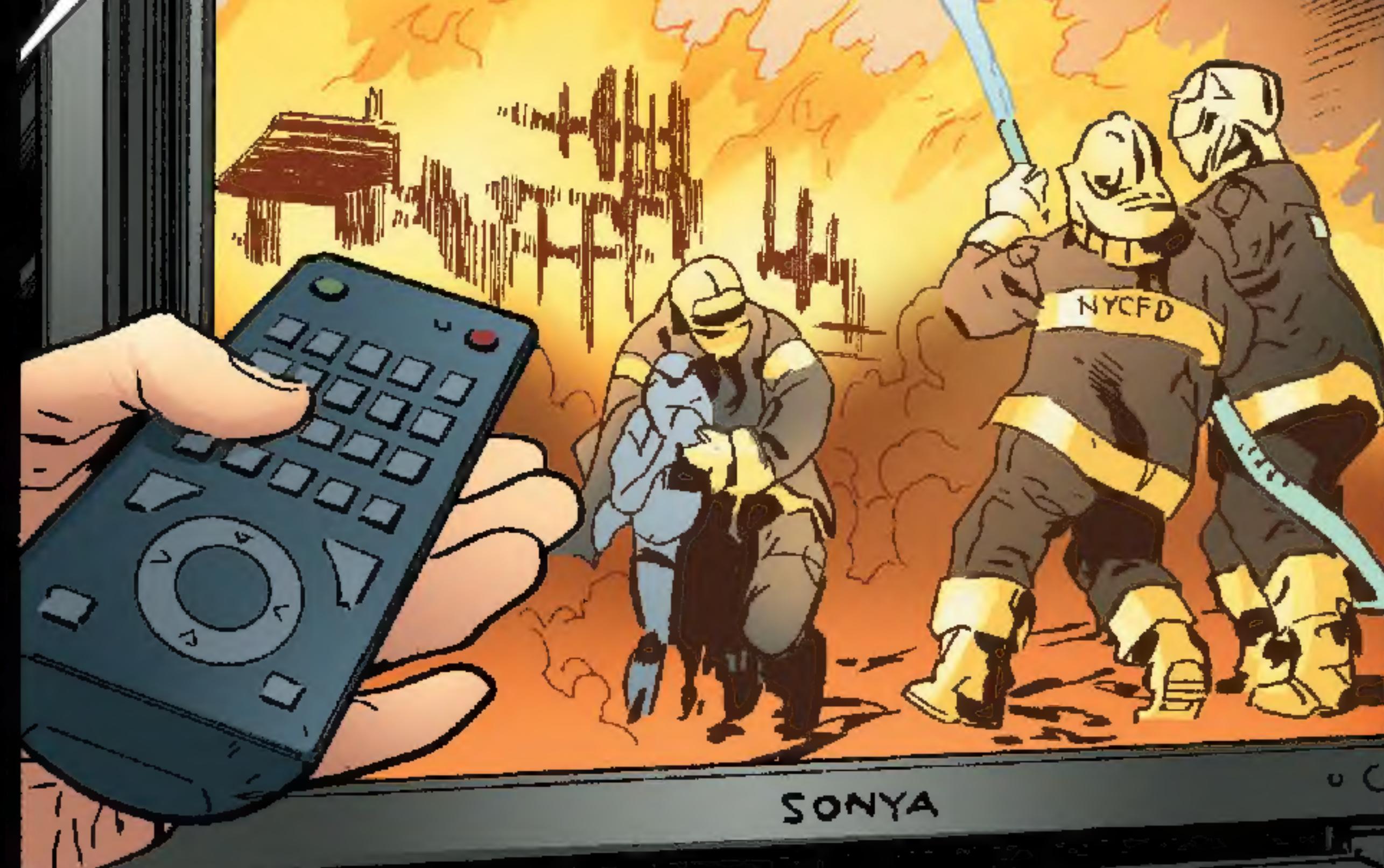
NITRO'S IN
THE WIND, AND
THE MAYOR'S GOING
NUTS FOR AT-LARGE
CRIMINALS RIGHT NOW--
PLAY THAT ONE UP, IF
YOU CAN. AND DON'T
FORGET THE IRON MAN
PRESS CONFERENCE
TOMORROW
MORNING.

THIS IS BIG,
PEOPLE: THERE'S
MILEAGE IN THIS.
JONAH'S GOING ALL OUT
WITH THE P.R. GUYS
FOR A SPOT ON THE
O'REILLY SHOW
TONIGHT.

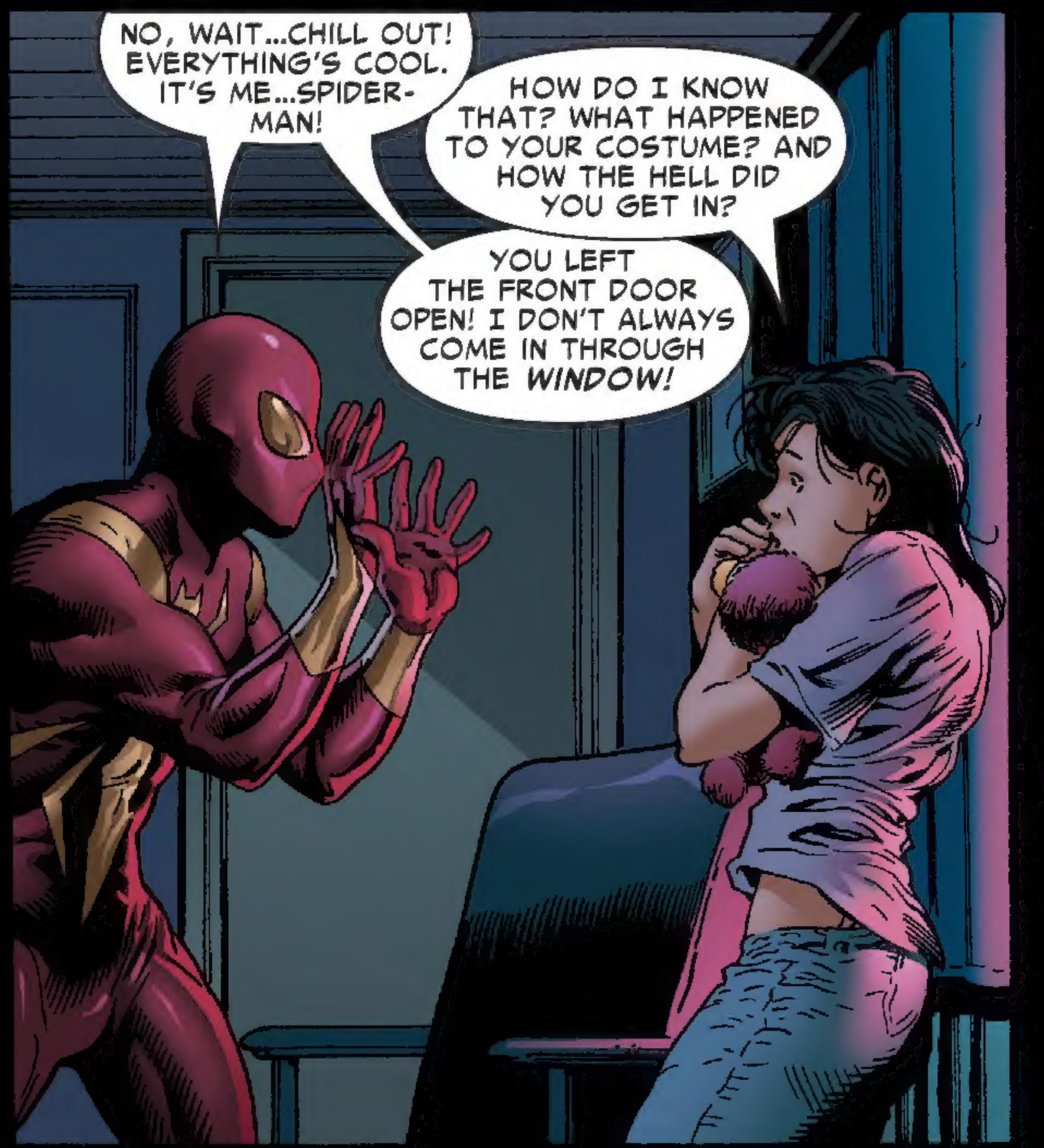
IT'S HIS
CONTENTION THAT
AMERICA'S SECURITY
JUST CAME UNDER
ATTACK FROM AN OUT-
OF-CONTROL PACK
OF COSTUMED
FREAKS.

OFFICIALLY,
THAT'S YOUR
CONTENTION AS
WELL. GO TELL
THAT STORY.

LET'S
DO IT TO
IT.







YOU STUPID
IDIOT! YOU SCARED THE
HELL OUT OF ME! WHAT DO
YOU THINK YOU'RE PLAYING AT,
COMING INTO SOMEONE'S HOUSE
LIKE THAT? DON'T YOU
PEOPLE KNOW HOW
TO KNOCK?

WHAT, LIKE I
SHOULD WAIT AROUND
IN A HALLWAY? I'M
KINDA HIGH-PROFILE
RIGHT NOW, LADY!

JEEZ...OKAY,
I GET IT. FINE.
YOU'RE NOT IN
THE MOOD--

NO,
WAIT!

OH,
GOD...
...AH-HEHH...
=HUHH=...

...I'M SORRY,
OKAY? THE COSTUME
THREW ME. I'M KINDA
EDGY RIGHT NOW AFTER
THAT BUSINESS WITH THE
GOHUL. YOU DO READ
NEWSPAPERS, I
TAKE IT?

LOOK...I'M SORRY--
IT'S MY FAULT. WORD
IS YOU LIKE DRAMATIC
ENTRANCES.

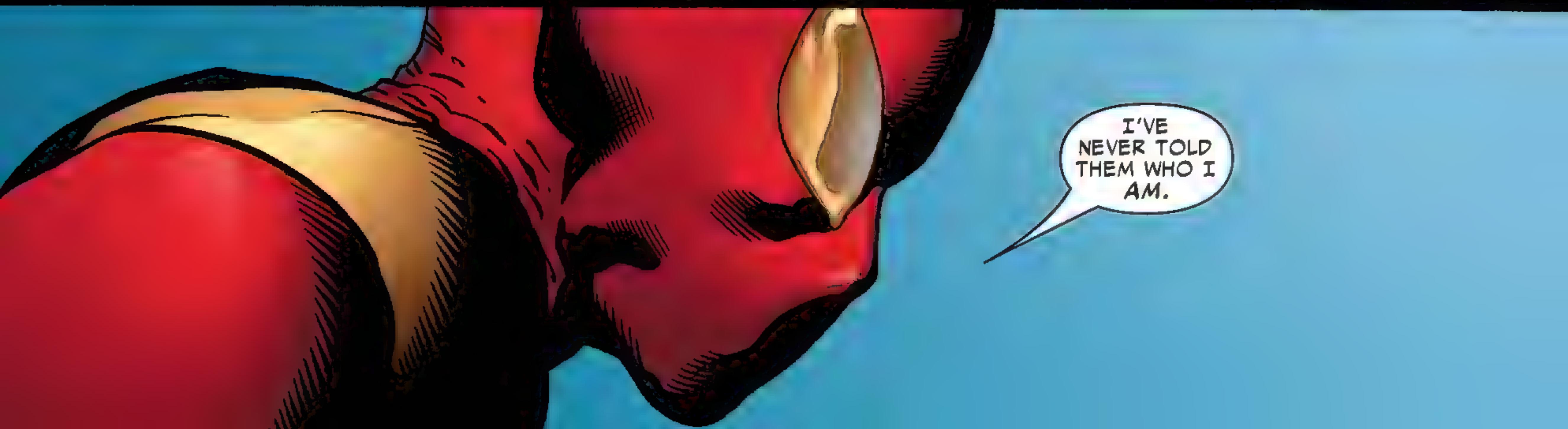
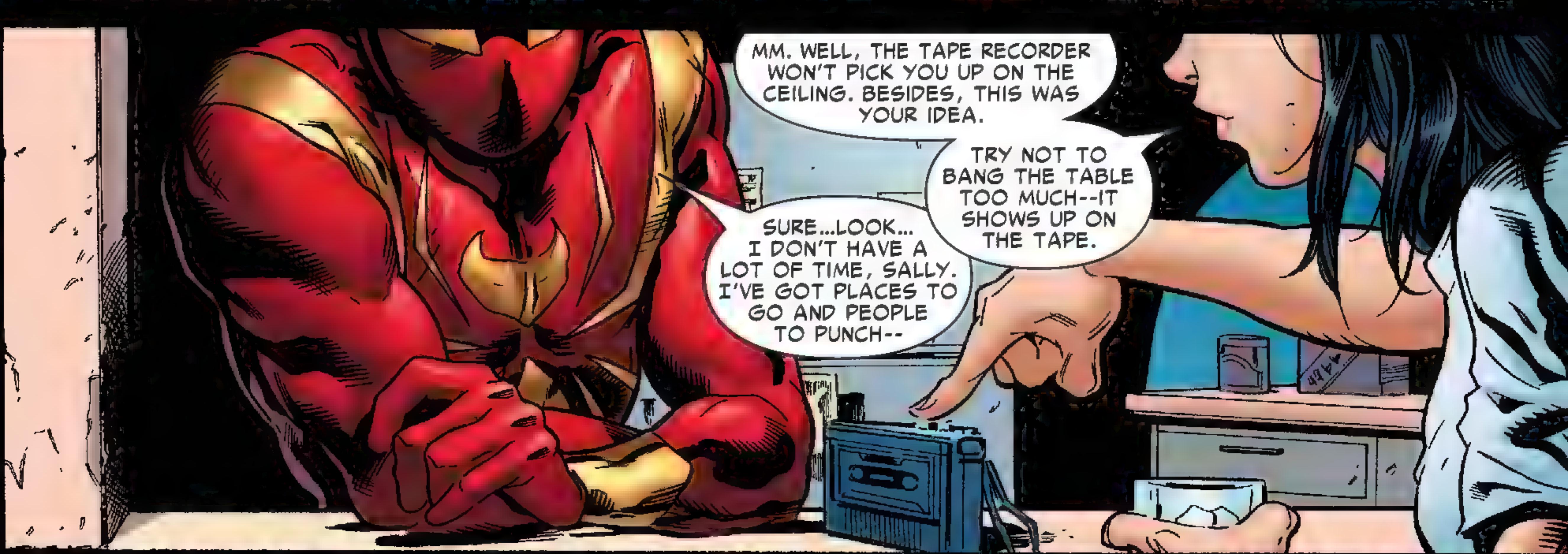
YOU'RE RIGHT:
I'M AN IDIOT. I WAS
JUST TRYING TO BE
SPOOKY.

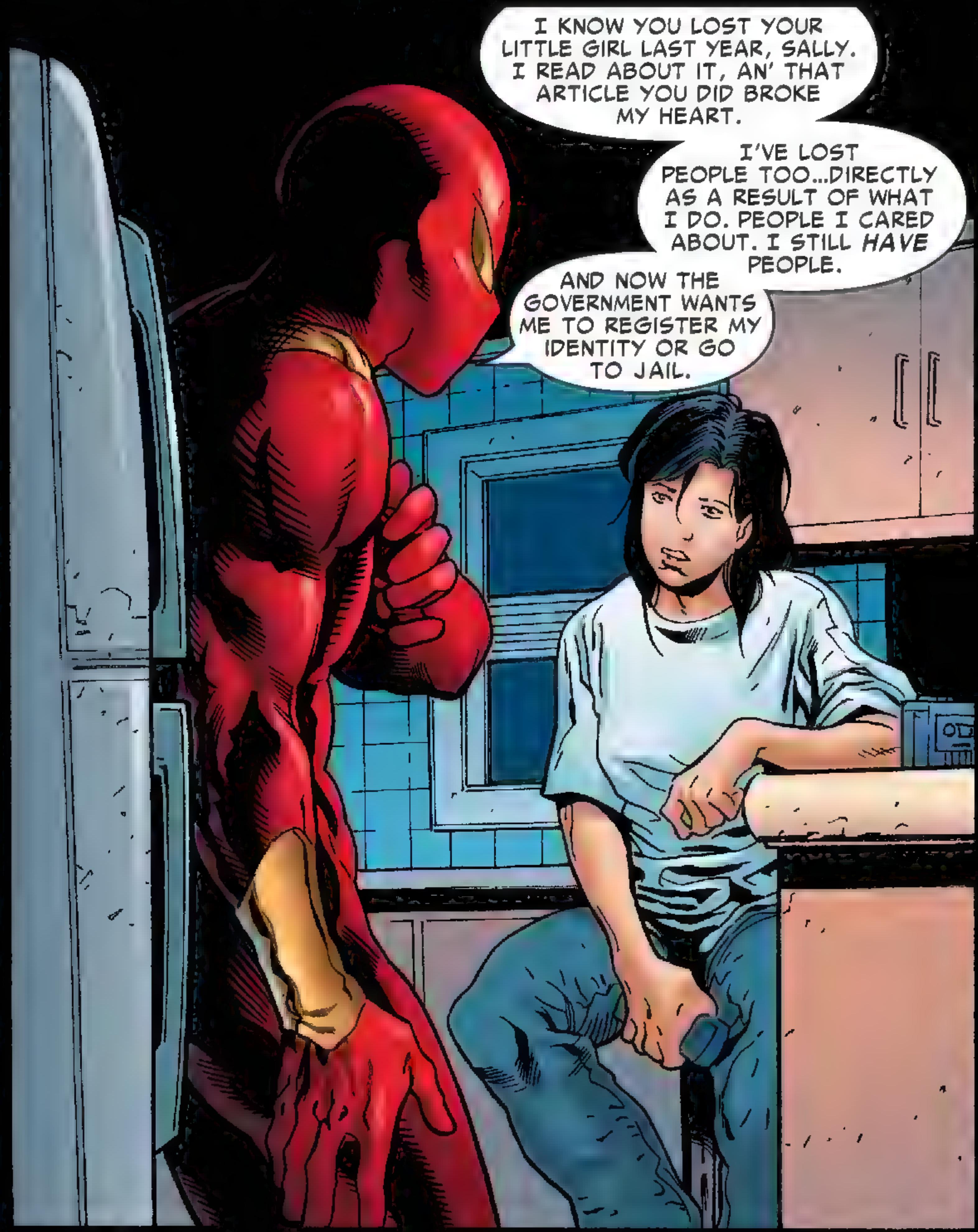
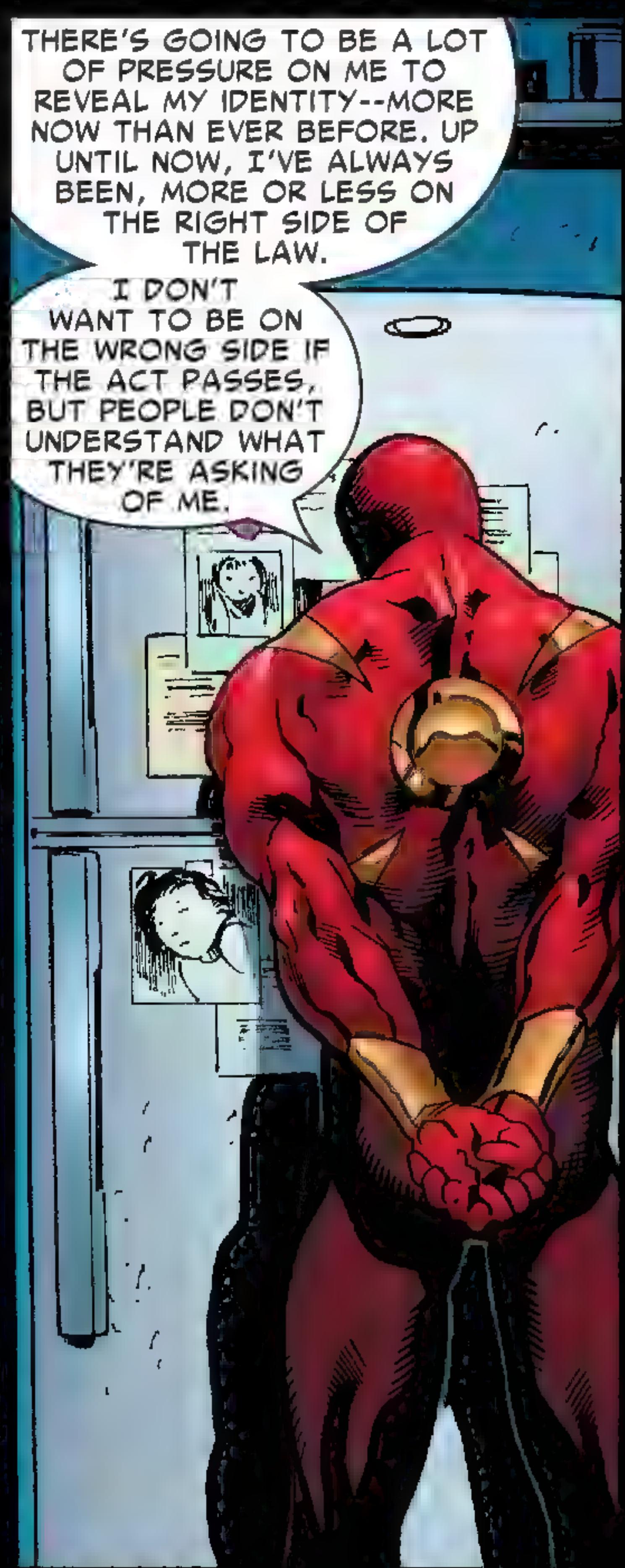
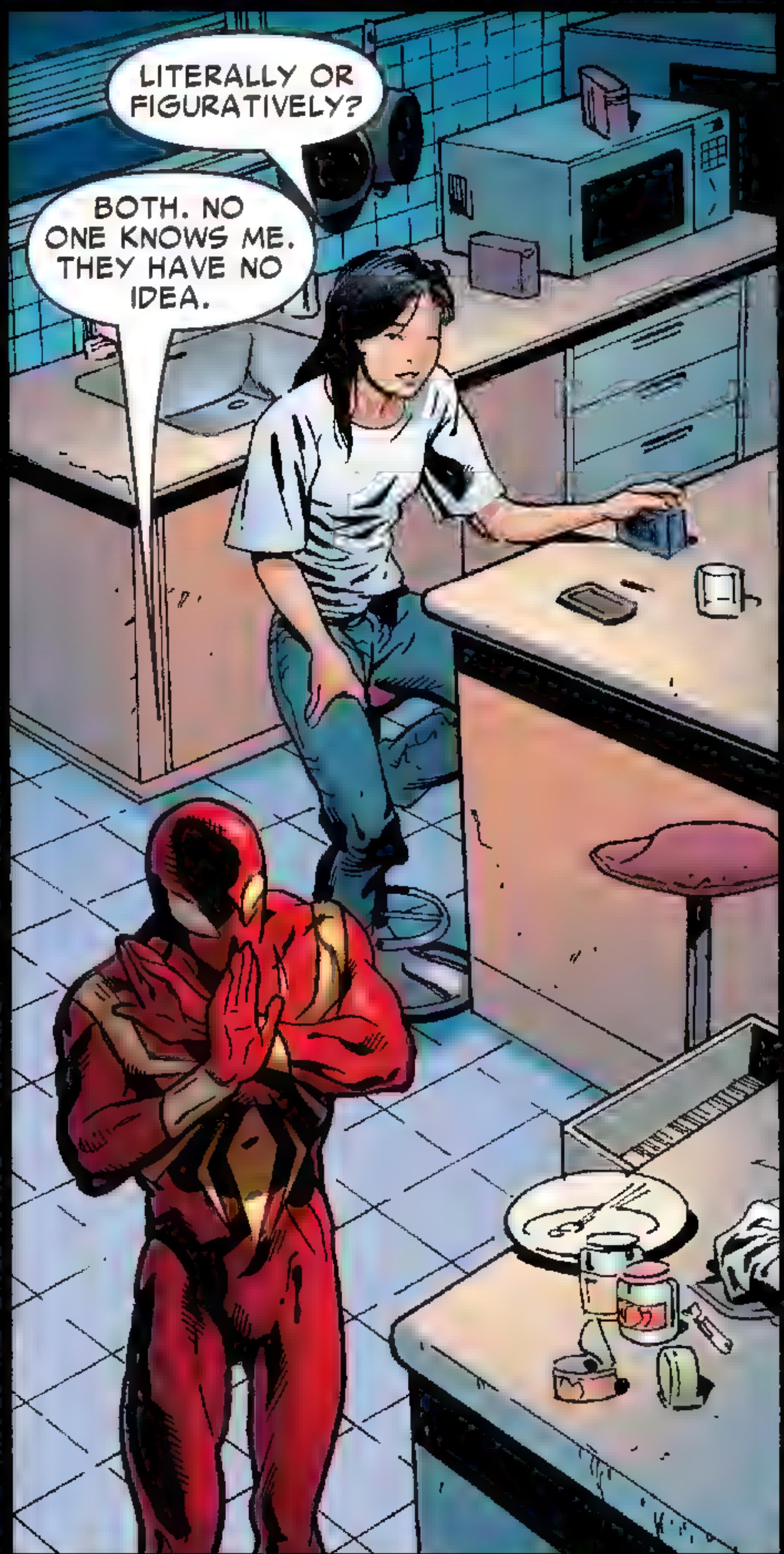
OKAY. I MEAN, REALLY--
I'M FINE. YOU HAVE NO
IDEA HOW LONG I'VE WAITED
FOR A CHANCE TO TALK TO
YOU, SPIDER-MAN.

YEAH, WELL...
THE OTHER WORD IS,
YOU'RE ONE OF ABOUT
THREE JOURNALISTS WHO
CAN BE TRUSTED IN THIS
GAME TO TELL IT LIKE IT
IS. I READ YOUR BIT
ABOUT MARROW--THAT
WAS PRETTY FAIR.

SO HERE
IT IS: YOUR BIG
CHANCE. ONE-
TIME ONLY.

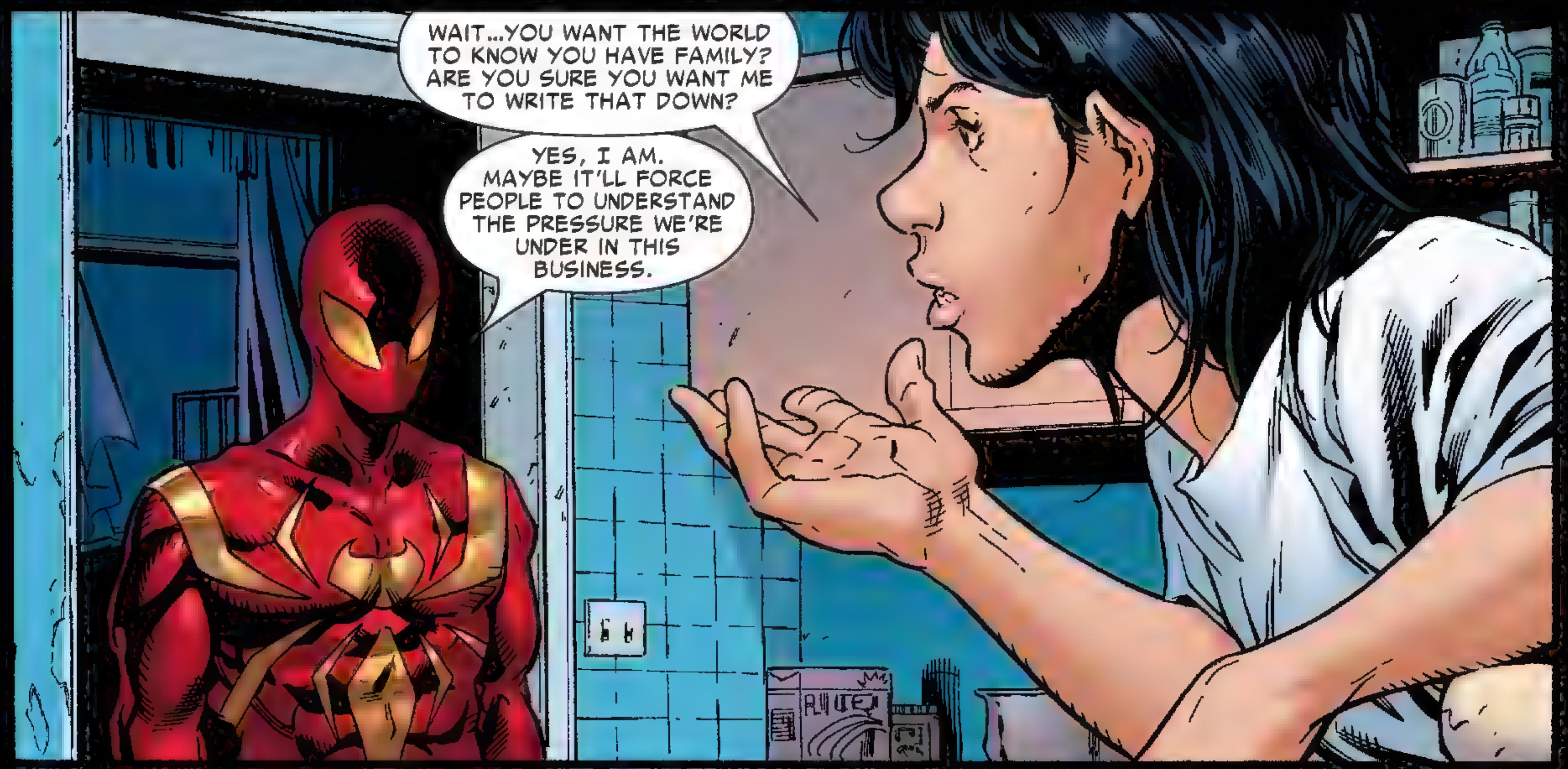
SPIDEY
TELLS ALL.





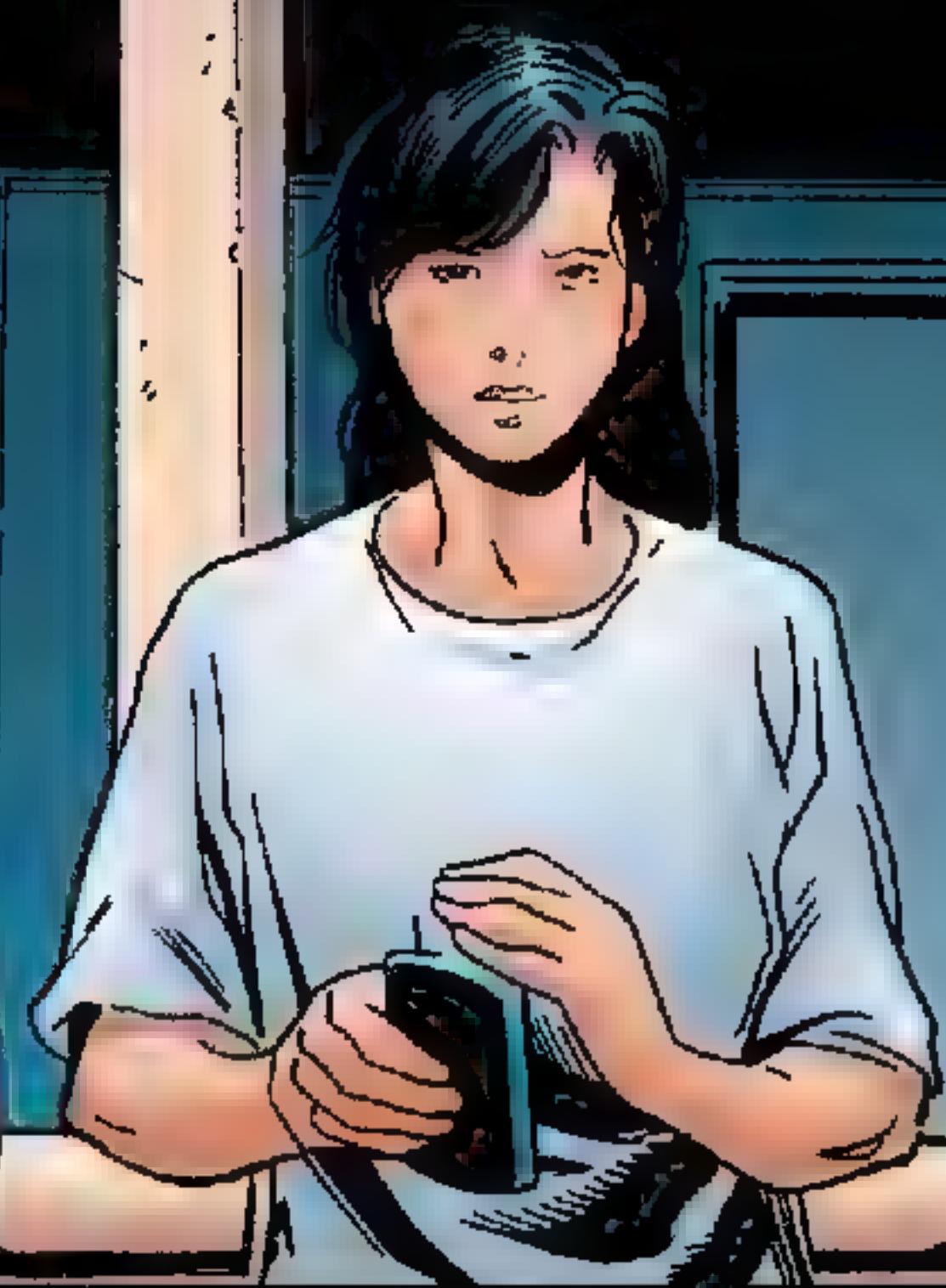
WAIT...YOU WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW YOU HAVE FAMILY? ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO WRITE THAT DOWN?

YES, I AM. MAYBE IT'LL FORCE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE PRESSURE WE'RE UNDER IN THIS BUSINESS.



WE'RE HUSBANDS AND WIVES...FATHERS, MOTHERS, SONS AND DAUGHTERS. WE ALREADY SACRIFICE ENOUGH.

WHAT KIND OF SACRIFICE DO PEOPLE WANT? IF I SHOW MY FACE TO THE WORLD, ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO HATE ME WILL GO AFTER THE THINGS I HOLD MOST DEAR.

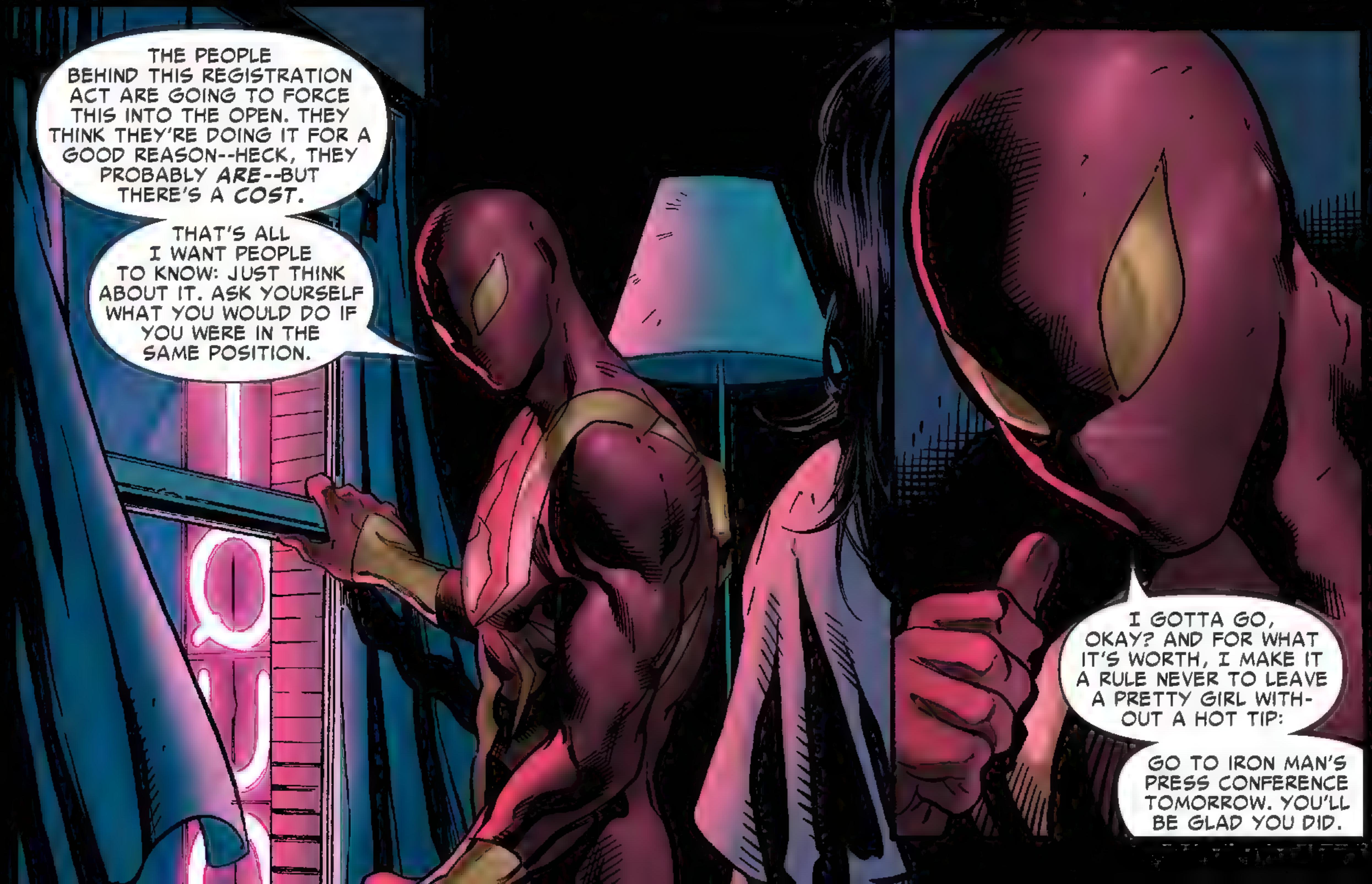


THE PEOPLE BEHIND THIS REGISTRATION ACT ARE GOING TO FORCE THIS INTO THE OPEN. THEY THINK THEY'RE DOING IT FOR A GOOD REASON--HECK, THEY PROBABLY ARE--BUT THERE'S A COST.

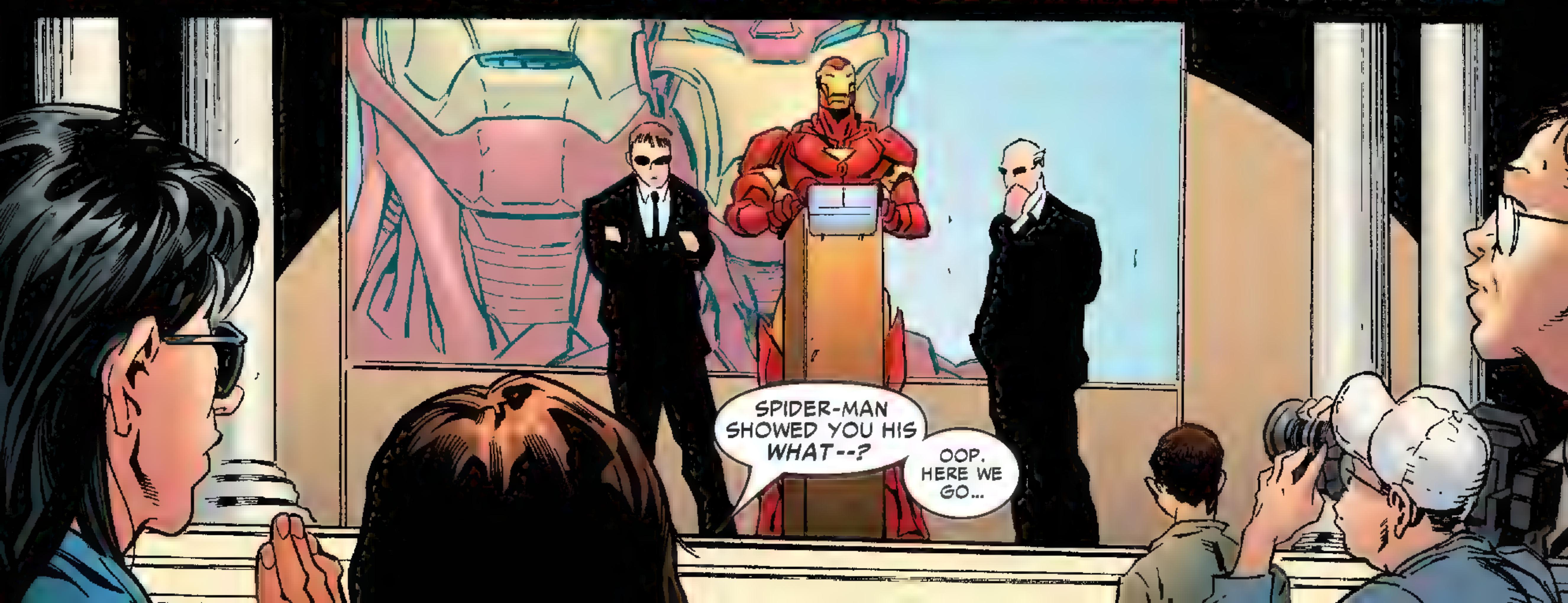
THAT'S ALL I WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW: JUST THINK ABOUT IT. ASK YOURSELF WHAT YOU WOULD DO IF YOU WERE IN THE SAME POSITION.

I GOTTA GO, OKAY? AND FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I MAKE IT A RULE NEVER TO LEAVE A PRETTY GIRL WITHOUT A HOT TIP:

GO TO IRON MAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID.

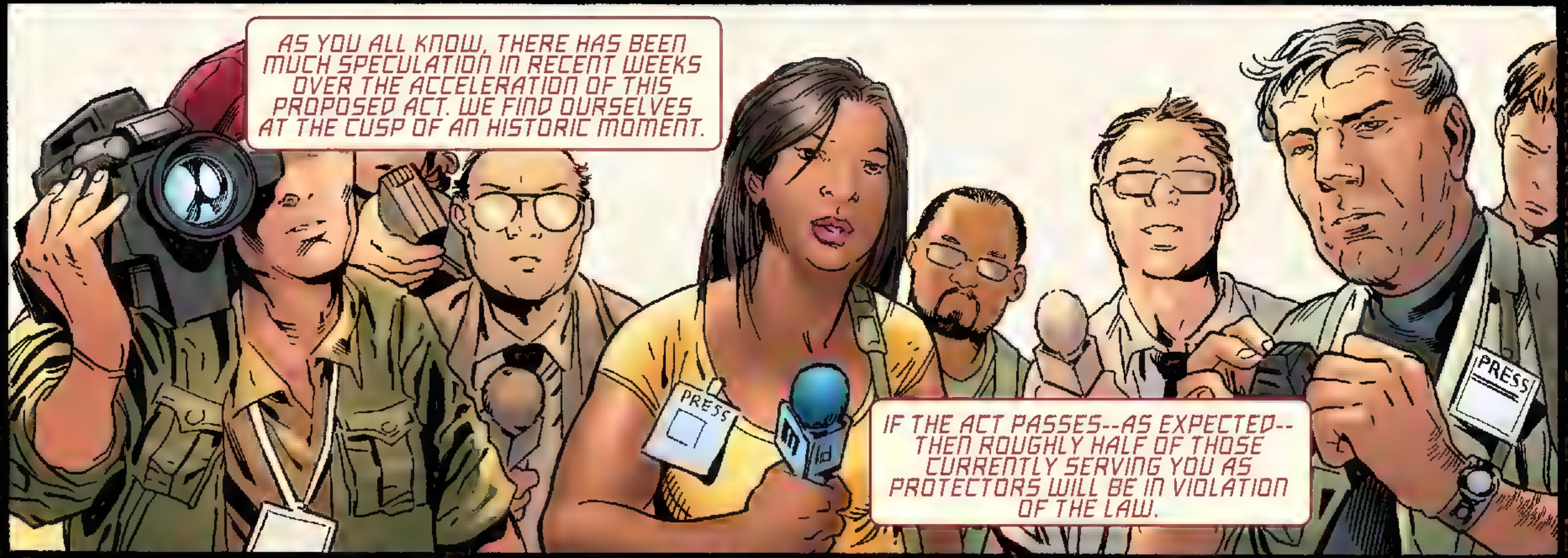
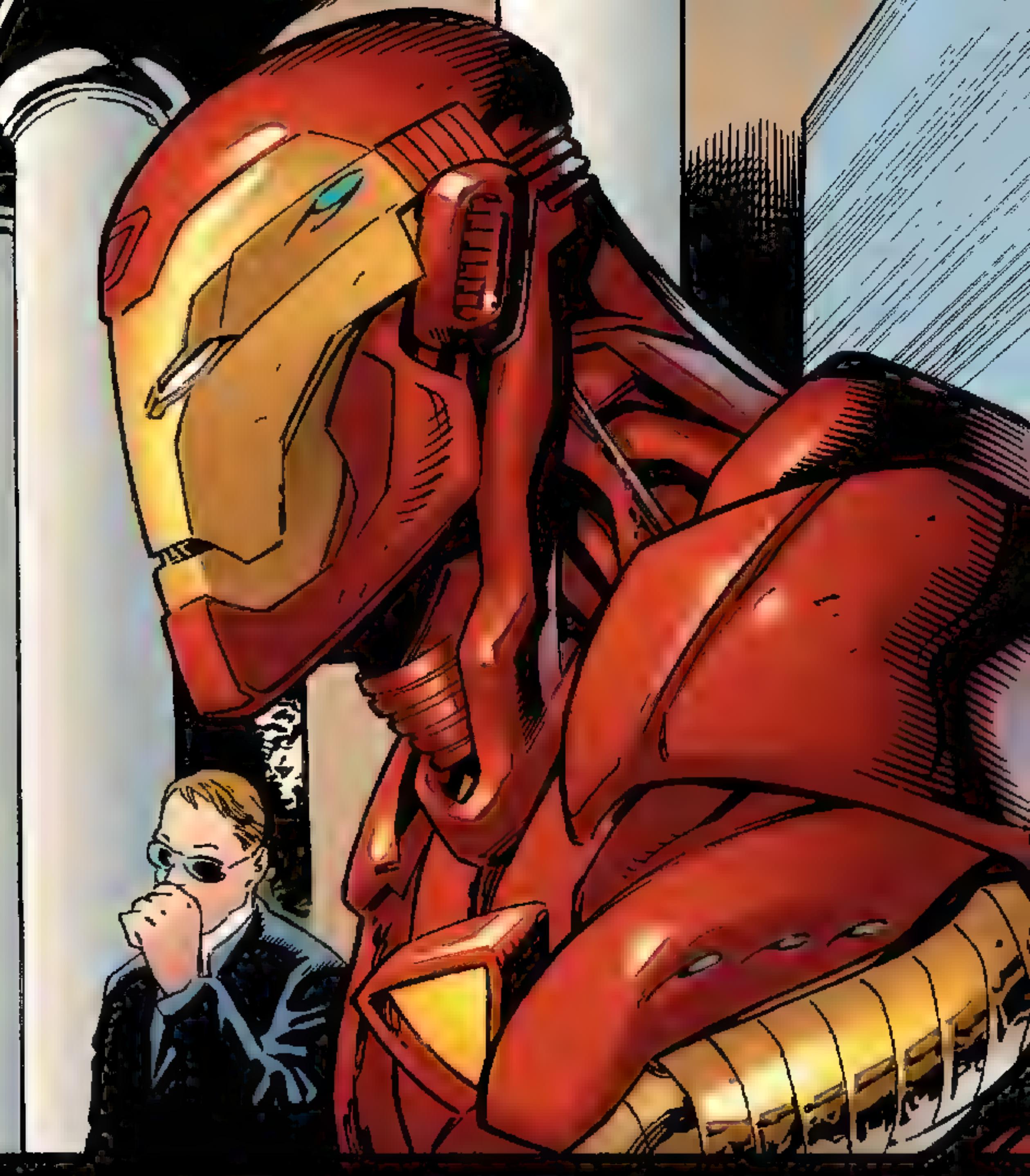
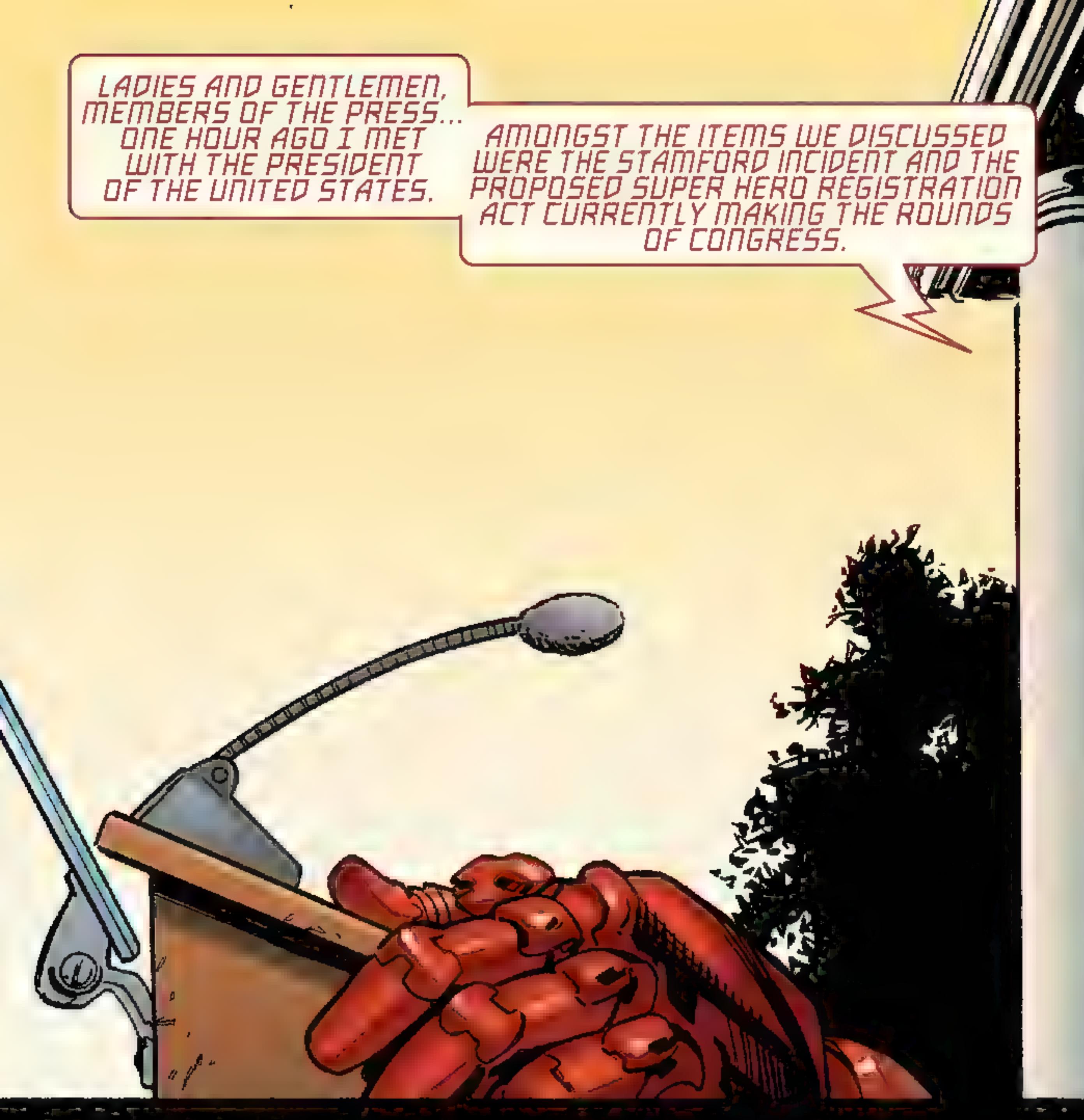






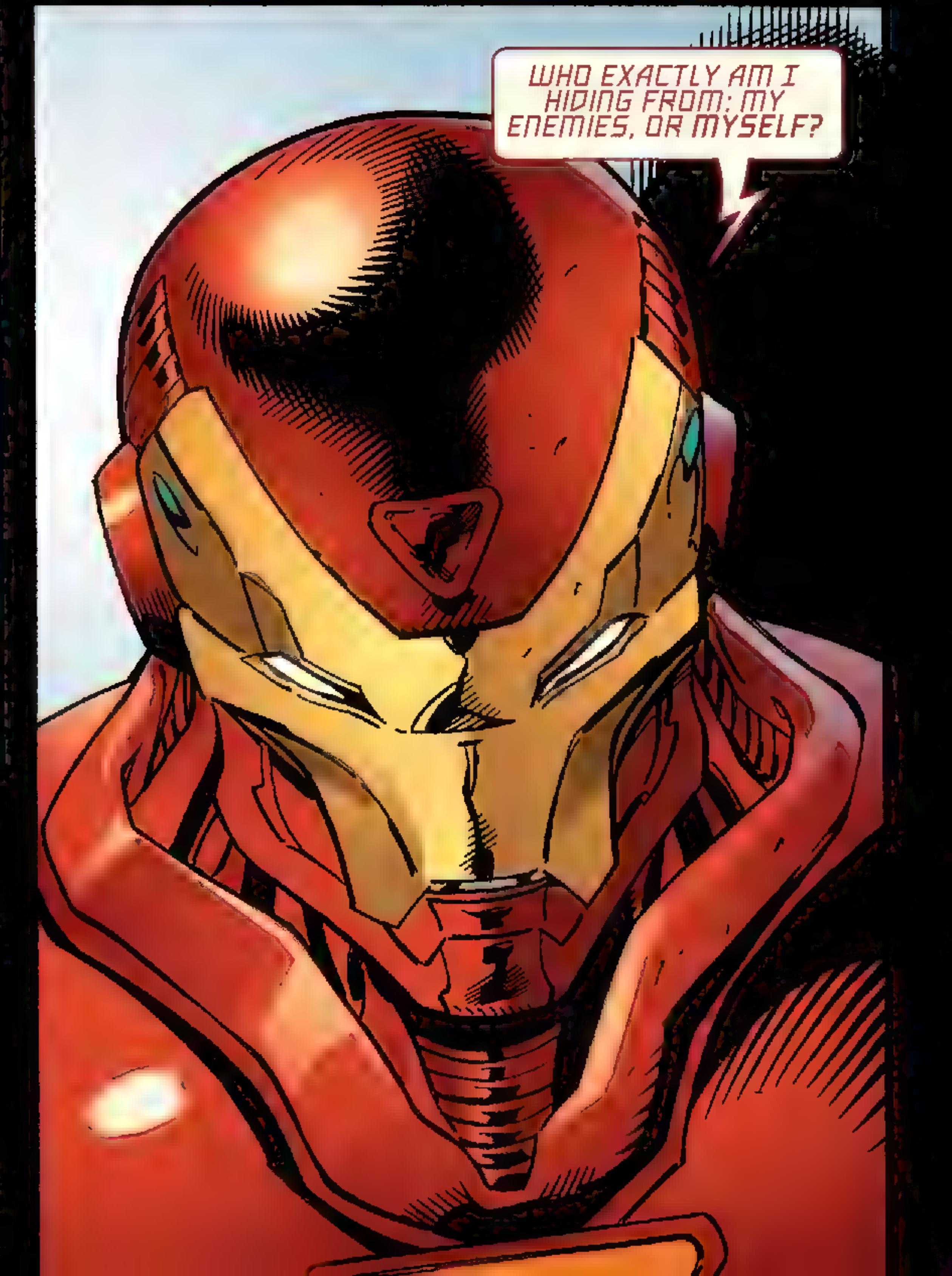
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...
ONE HOUR AGO I MET
WITH THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES.

AMONGST THE ITEMS WE DISCUSSED
WERE THE STAMFORD INCIDENT AND THE
PROPOSED SUPER HERO REGISTRATION
ACT CURRENTLY MAKING THE ROUNDS
OF CONGRESS.



AS YOU ALL KNOW, THERE HAS BEEN
MUCH SPECULATION IN RECENT WEEKS
OVER THE ACCELERATION OF THIS
PROPOSED ACT. WE FIND OURSELVES
AT THE CUSP OF AN HISTORIC MOMENT.

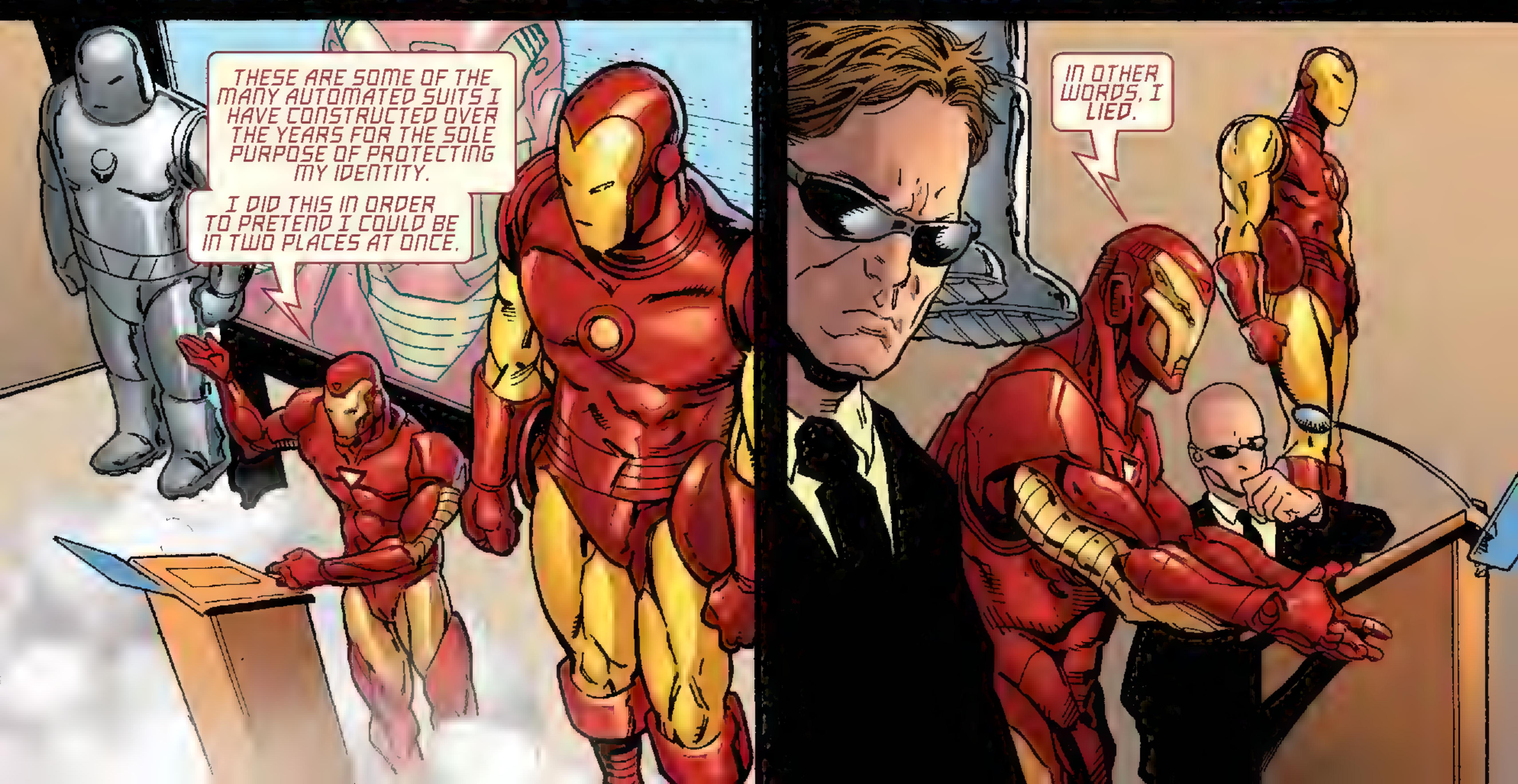
IF THE ACT PASSES--AS EXPECTED--
THEN ROUGHLY HALF OF THOSE
CURRENTLY SERVING YOU AS
PROTECTORS WILL BE IN VIOLATION
OF THE LAW.

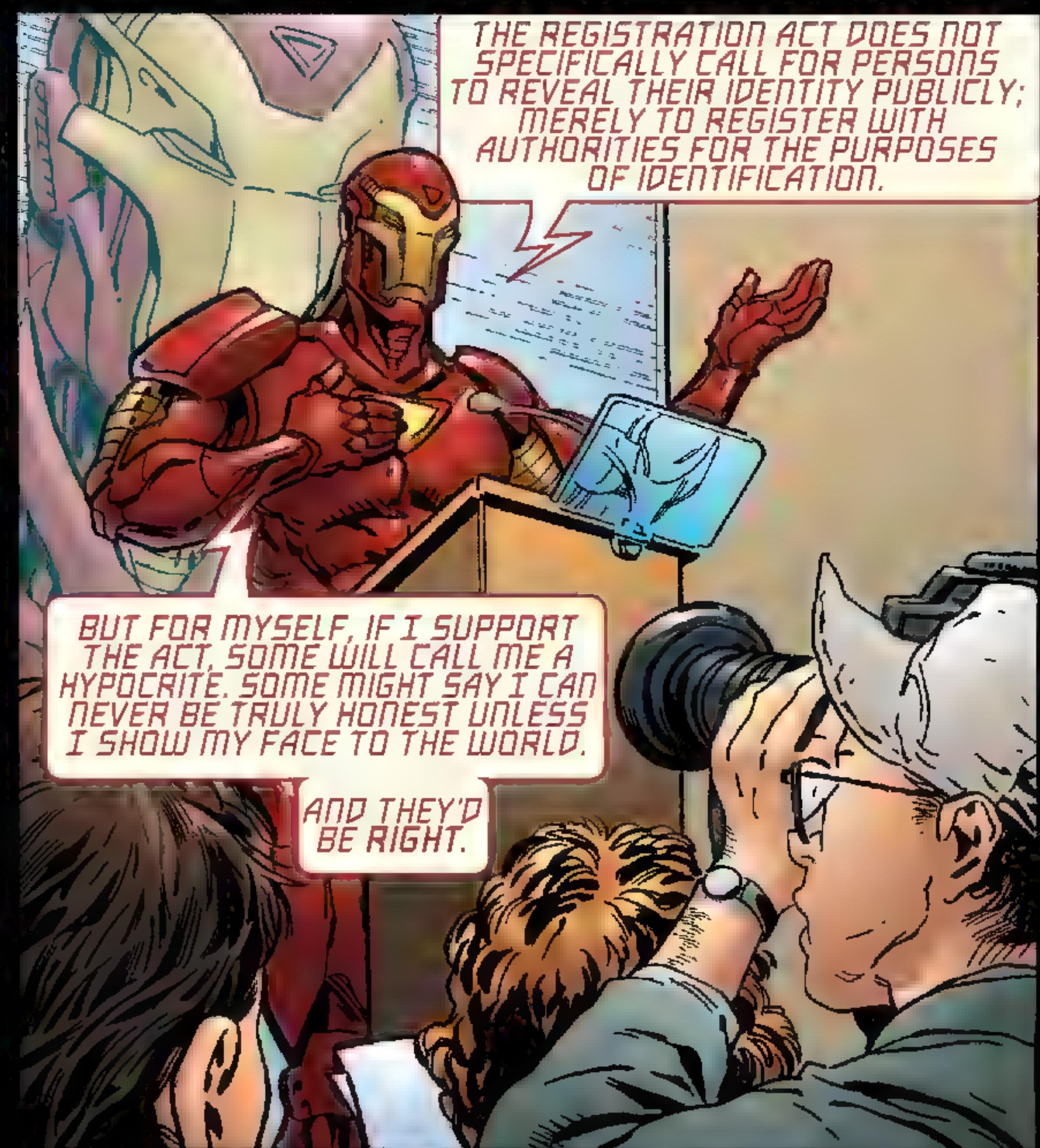
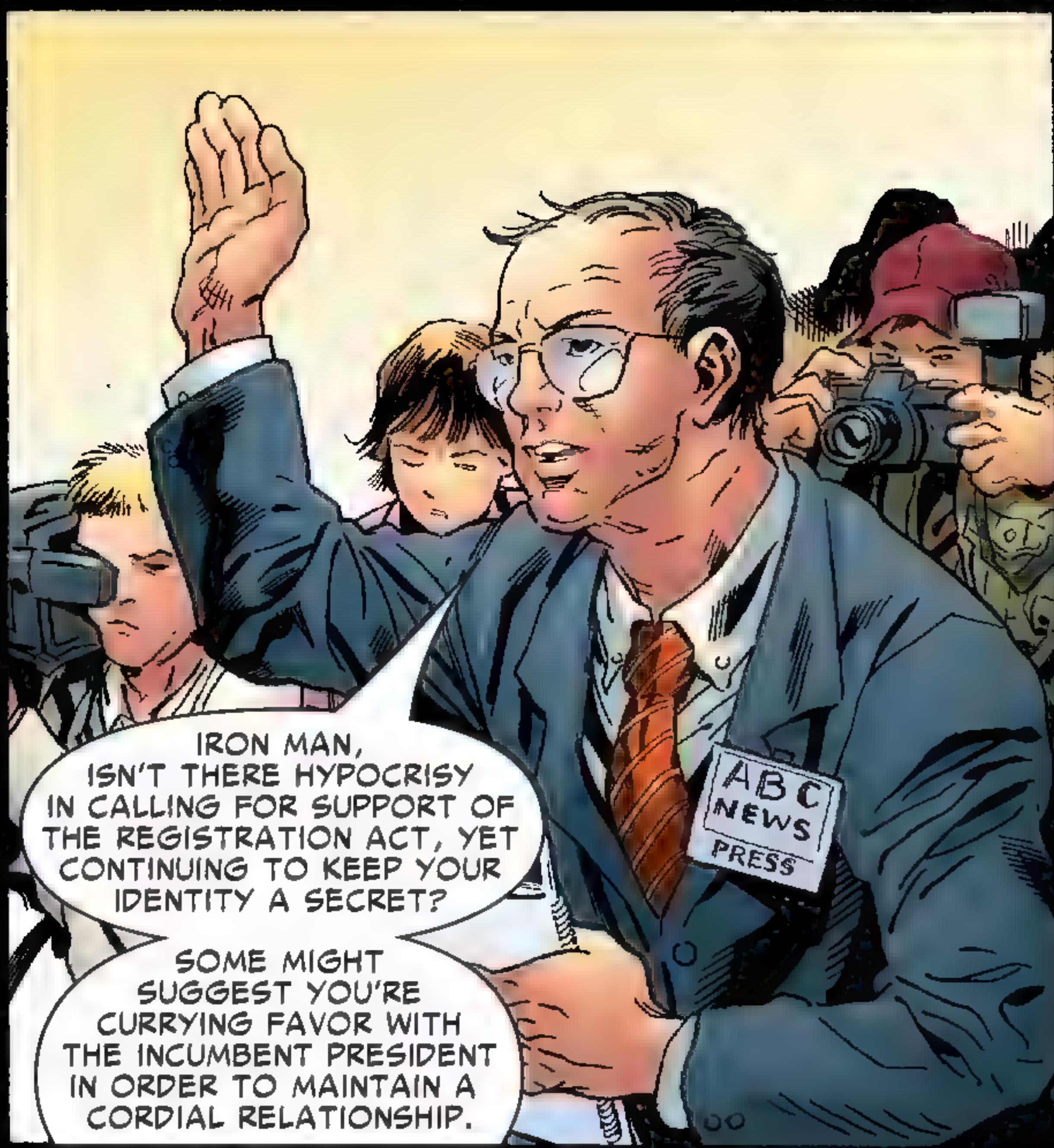


OVER THE YEARS I HAVE ALWAYS
ENDEAVORED TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT
FOR THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY.
I HAVE ALWAYS--WITHOUT QUESTION
OR HESITATION--BEEN YOUR SERVANT.

BUT AS I INFORMED
THE PRESIDENT THIS
MORNING, THE
QUESTION OF THE
MASK I WEAR HAS
NAGGED AT MY
CONSCIENCE SINCE
THE DAY I PUT IT ON.

WHO EXACTLY AM I
 HIDING FROM: MY
ENEMIES, OR MYSELF?







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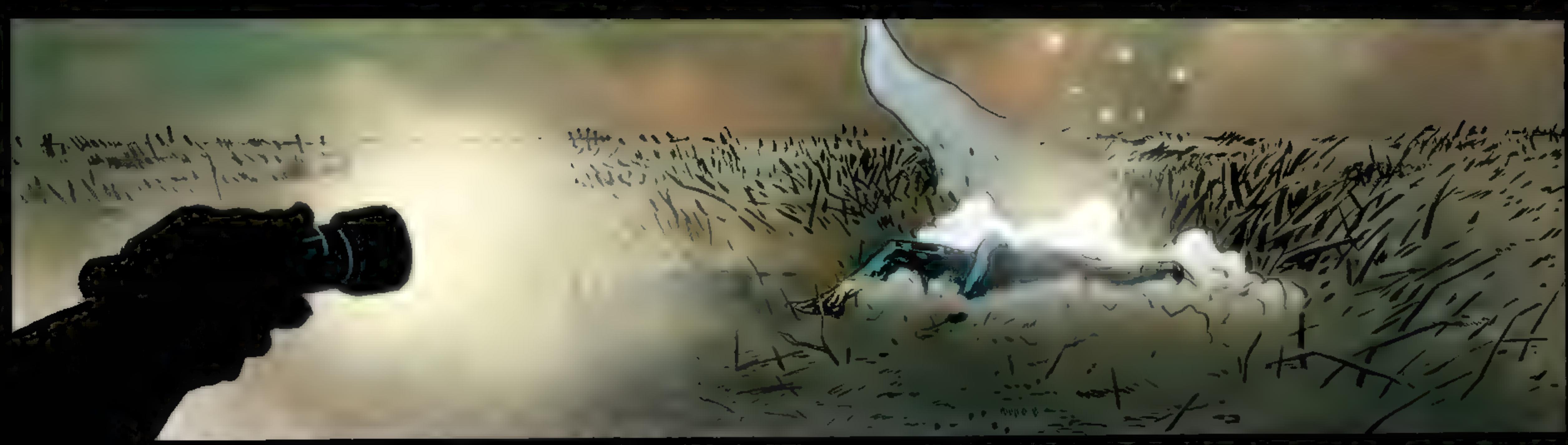
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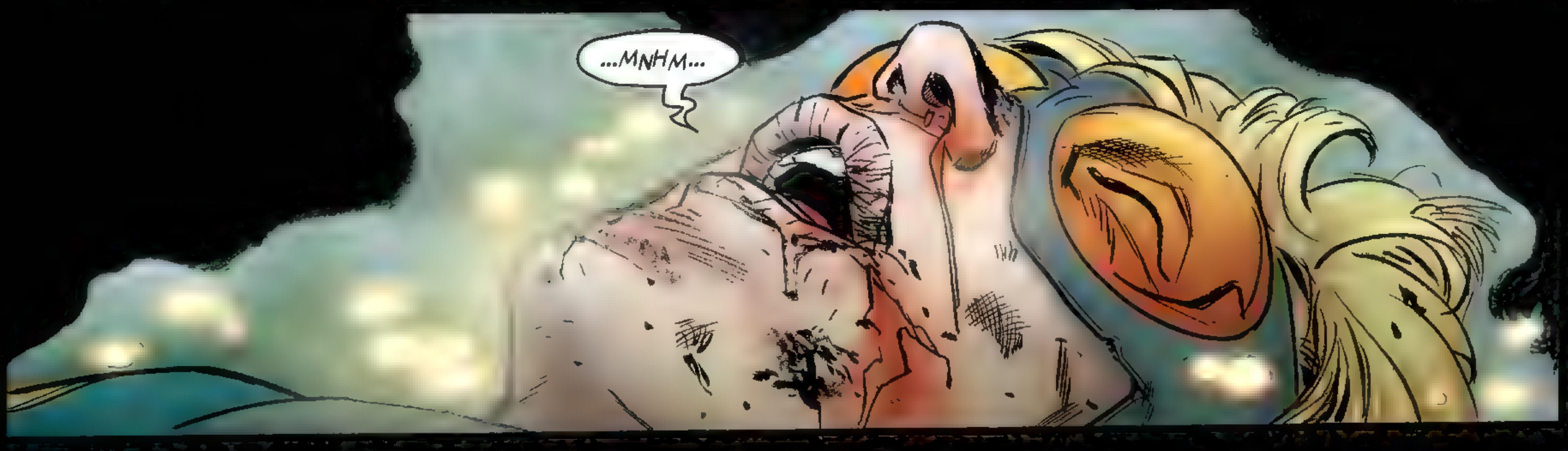
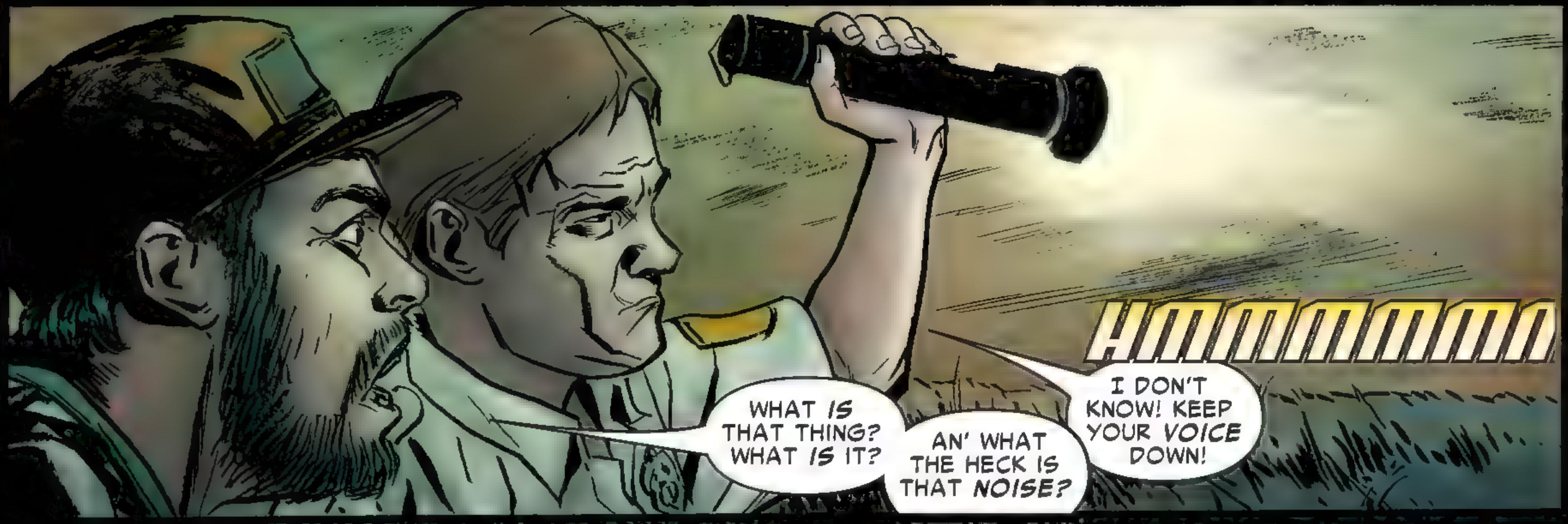
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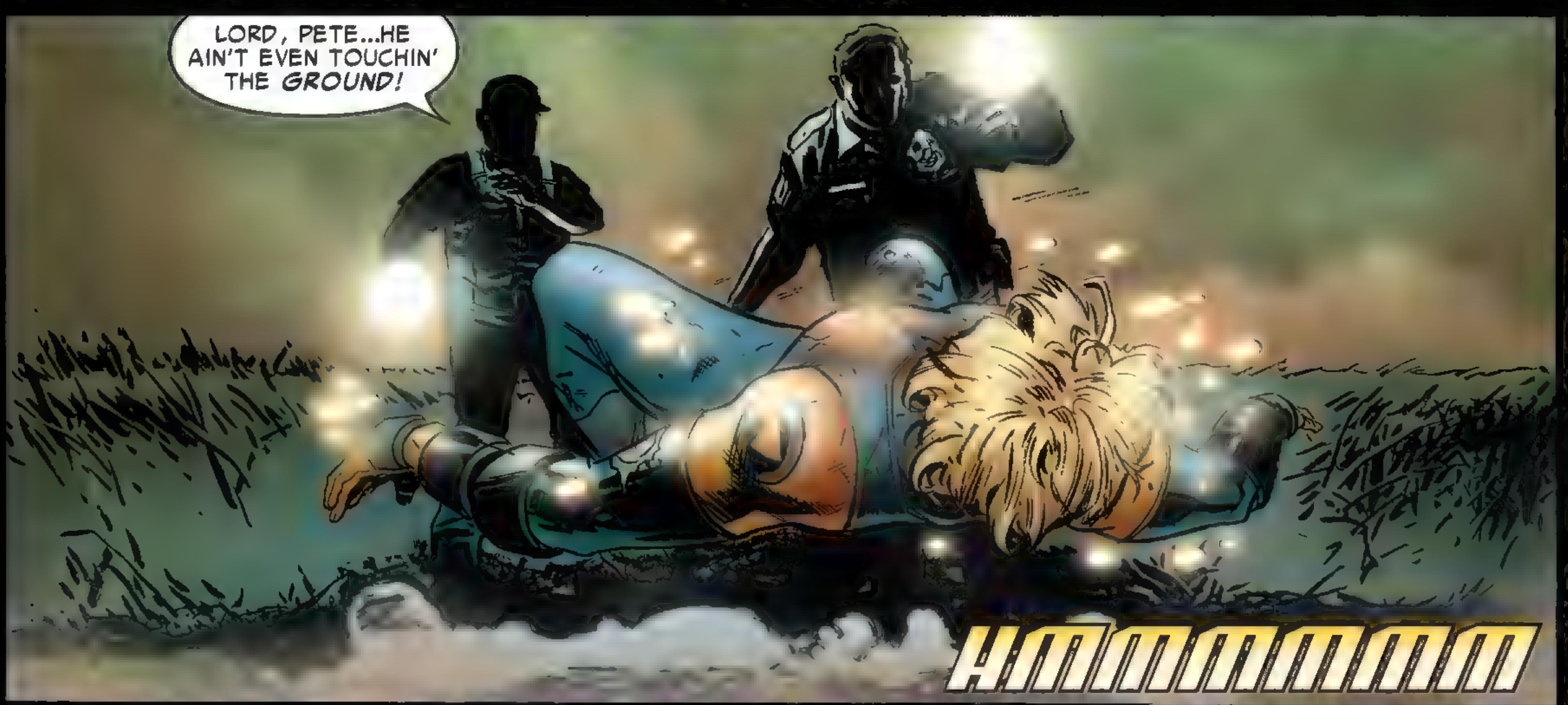
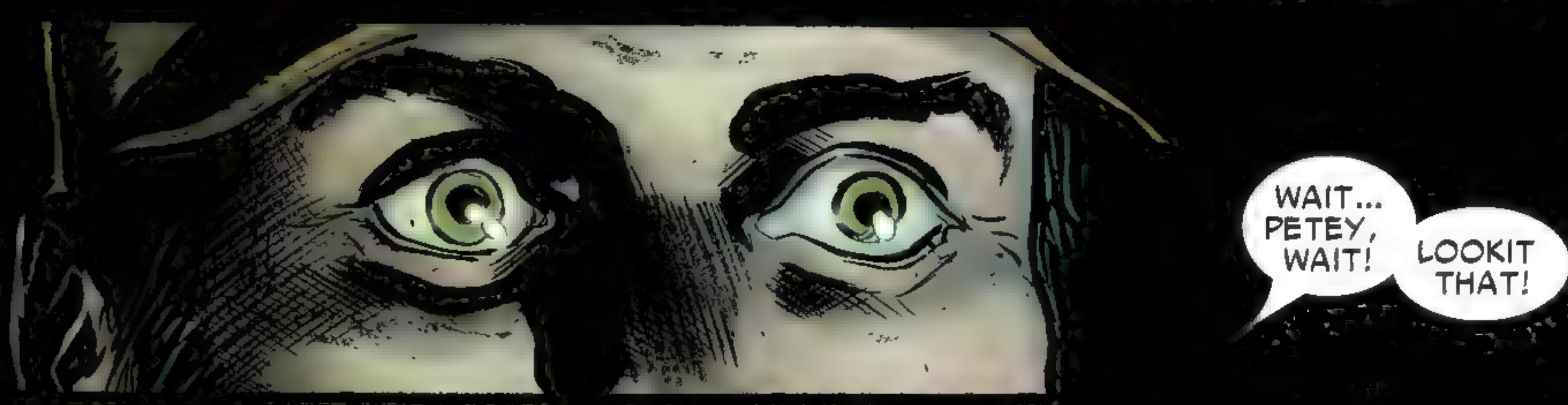
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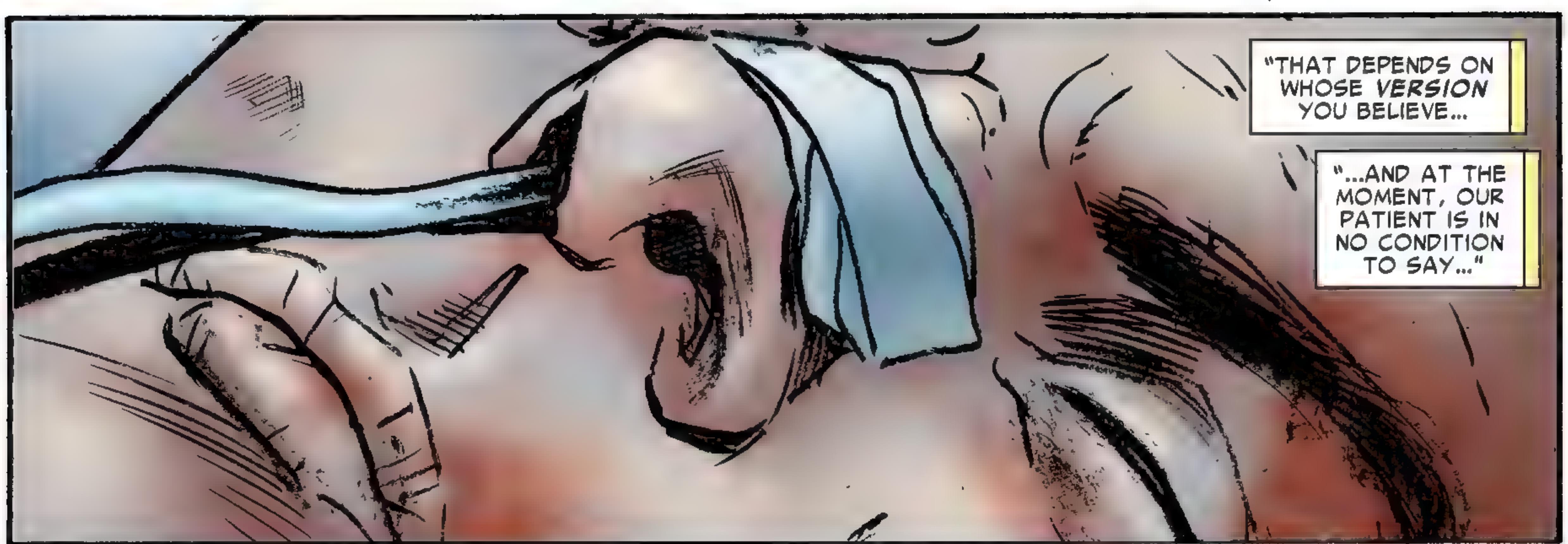
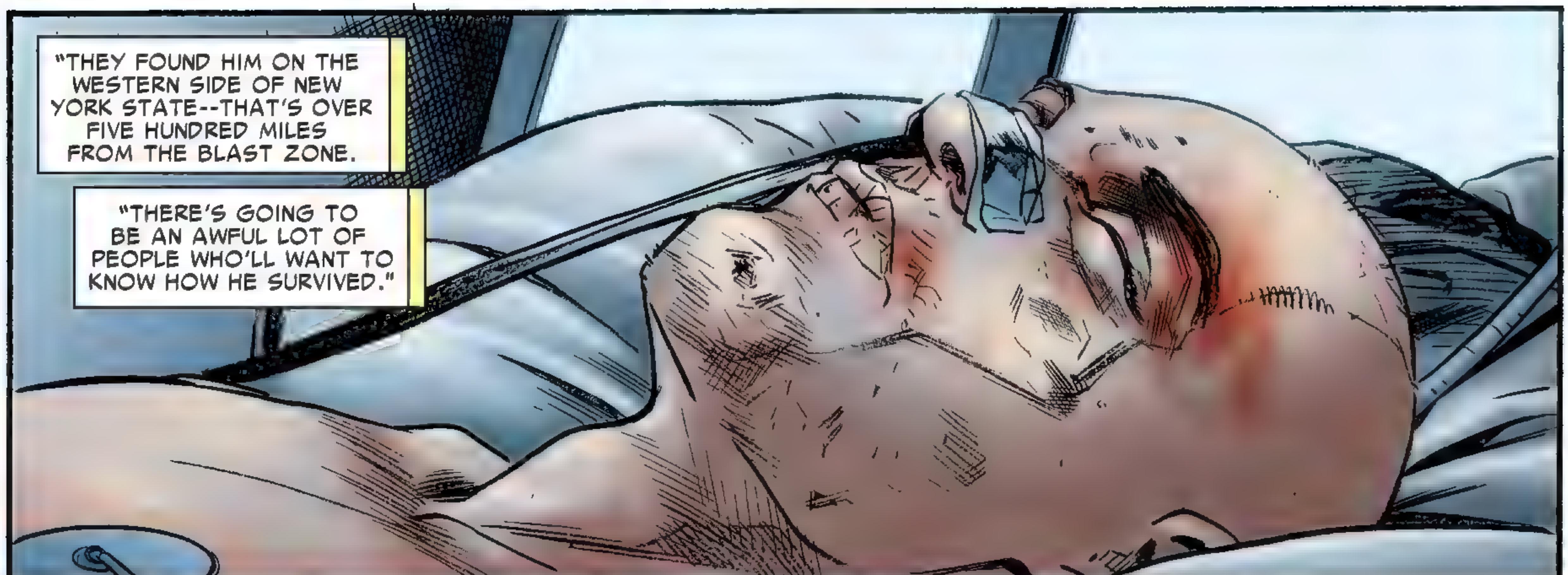
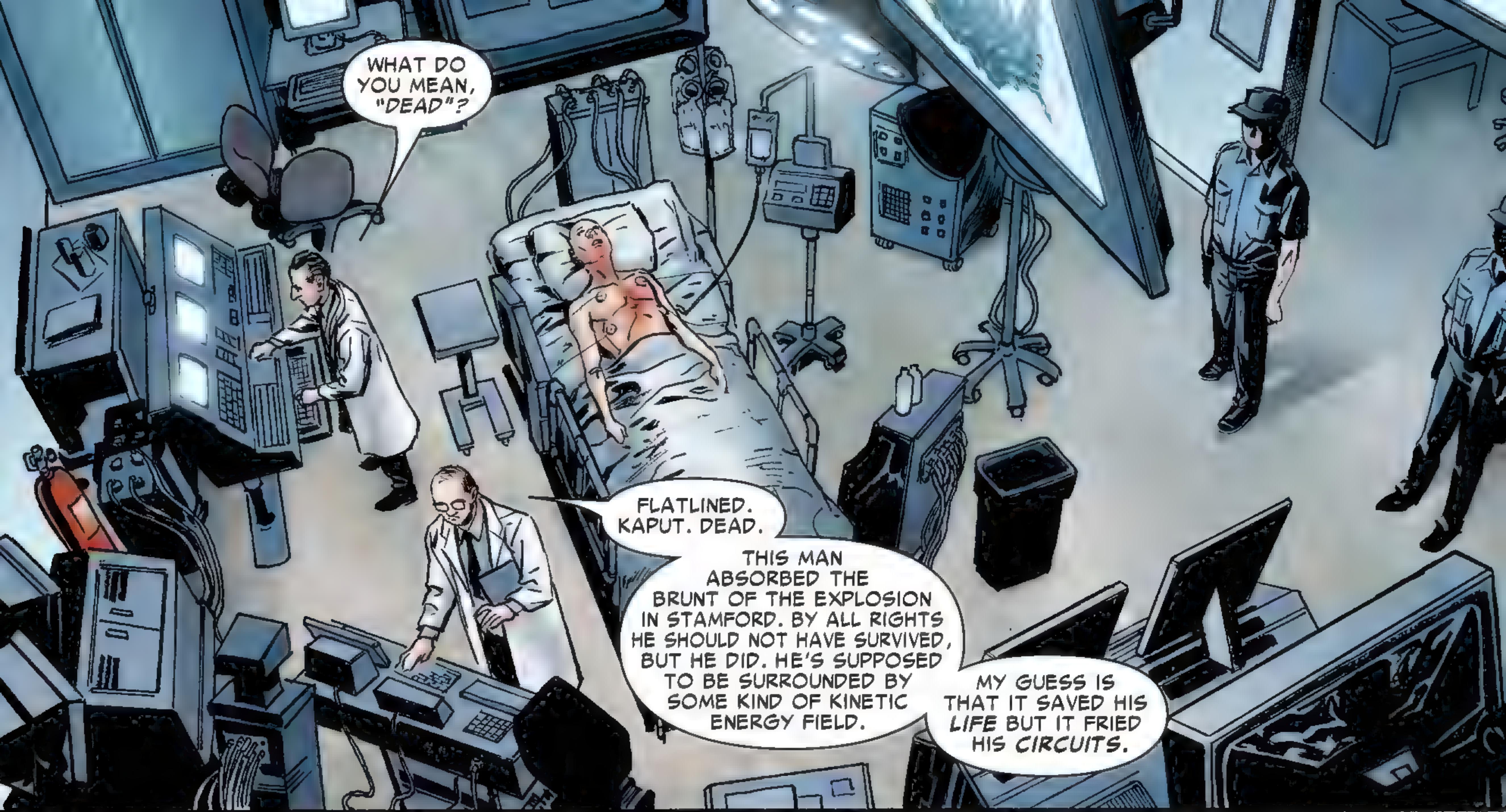
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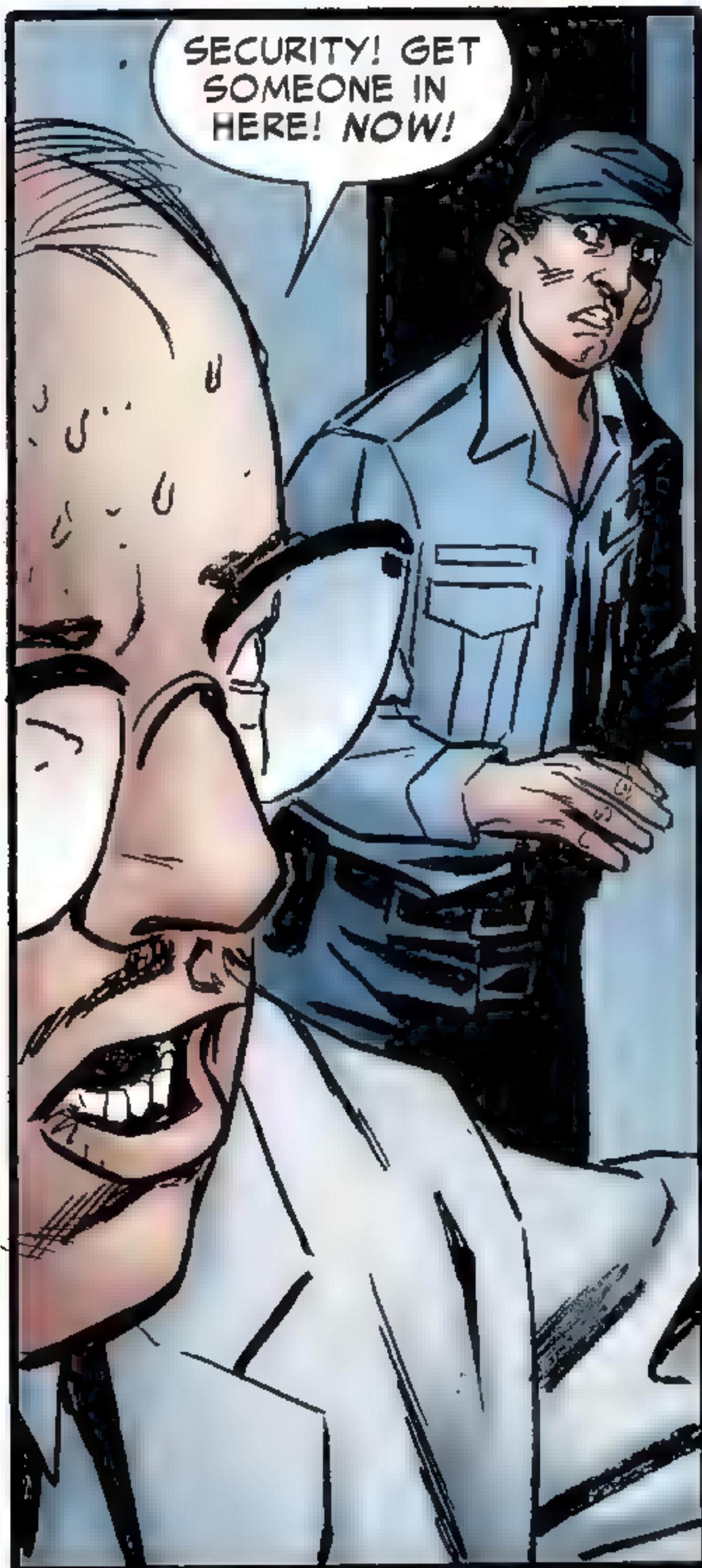
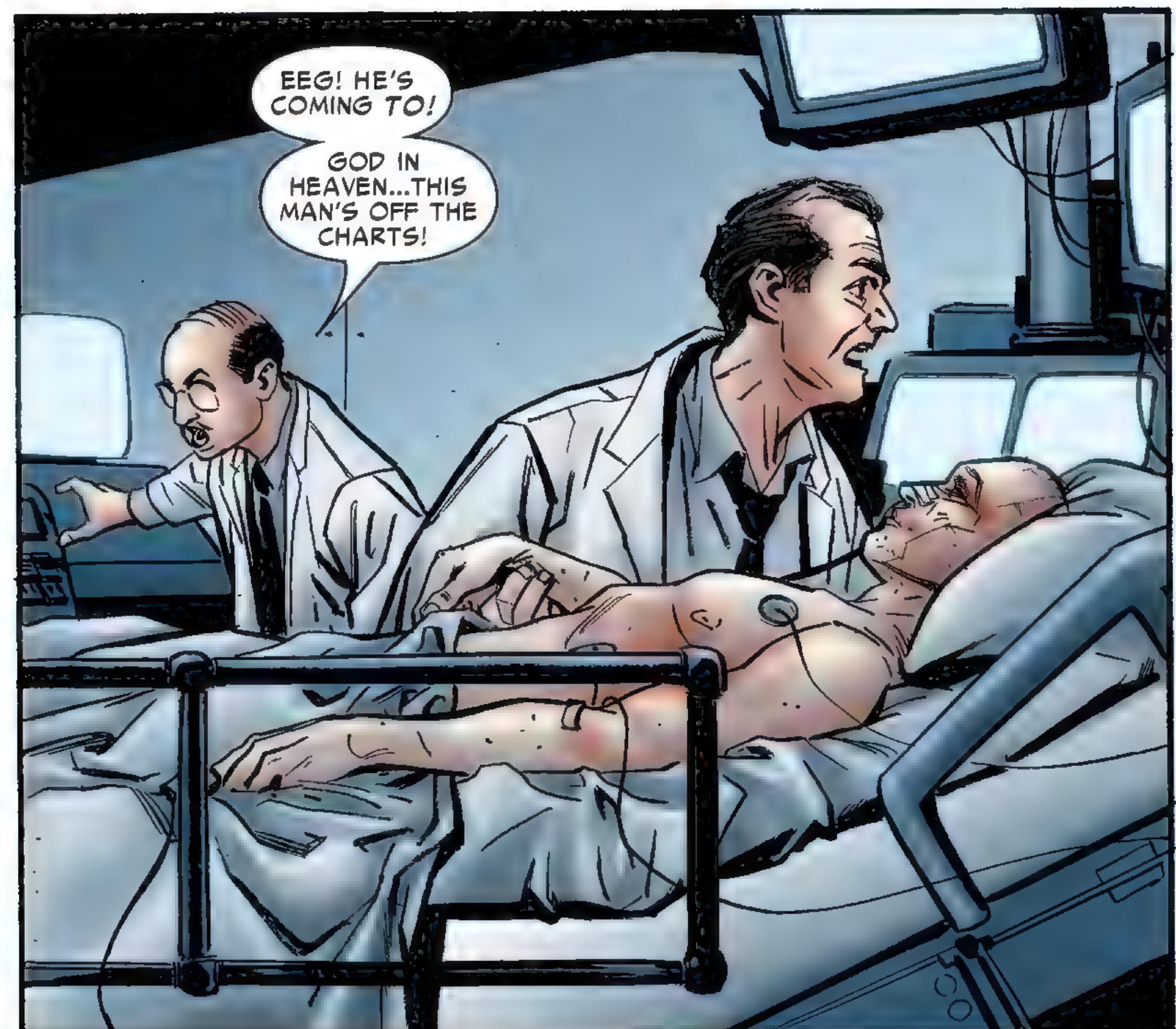
















In 1942, concerned by a possible invasion of the West Coast, the President of the United States signed Executive Order 9066, precipitating one of the largest controlled migrations in history. Over 110,000 people of Japanese descent were moved from their homes near the Pacific Coast into 10 wartime communities under the jurisdiction of the Wartime Relocation Authority.

Most of these people were American Citizens of Japanese ancestry with little or no allegiance to the Japanese Emperor. Over half were children. They were forced to leave behind over two hundred million dollars' worth of real estate and possessions, though a later law permitted some of these people to renounce their citizenship and return to their former homes.

In the interests of fairness, it can be noted that while they provided very sparse accommodation, these relocation centers had the highest live-birth rate and the lowest death rate in wartime United States. The Japanese in the centers received free food, lodging, medical and dental care, clothing allowance, education, hospital care, and all basic necessities. The government even paid travel expenses and assisted in cases of emergency relief.

The following poem--written anonymously--was circulated at Poston War Relocation Camp during the summer of 1943.

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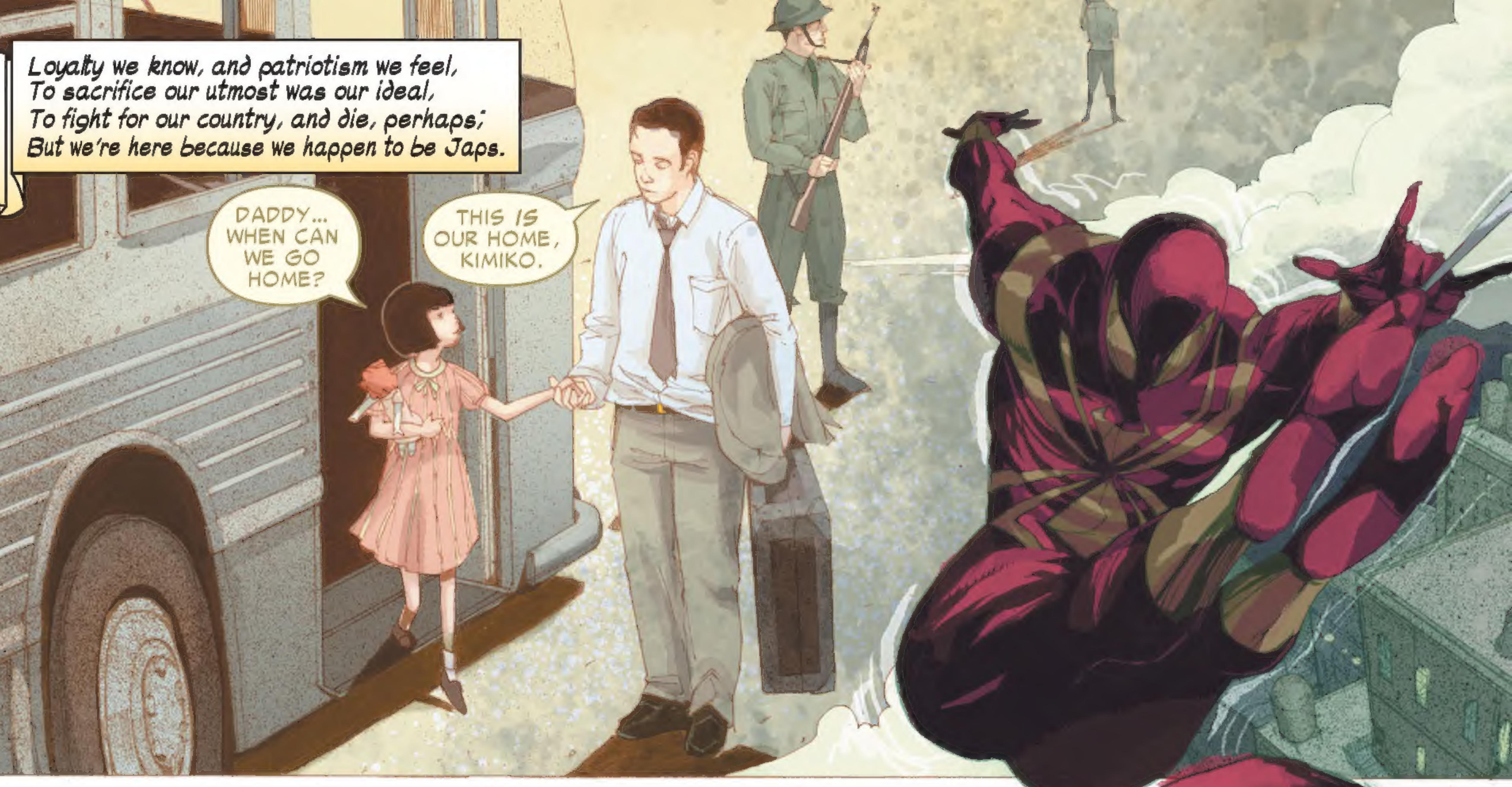
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Loyalty we know, and patriotism we feel,
To sacrifice our utmost was our ideal,
To fight for our country, and die, perhaps;
But we're here because we happen to be Japs.

DADDY...
WHEN CAN
WE GO
HOME?

THIS IS
OUR HOME,
KIMIKO.



We all love life, and our country best,
Our misfortune to be here in the West,
To keep us penned behind that damned fence,
is someone's notion of national defense.

